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THE BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY (LIMITED)

WILL DESPATCH STEAMERS AS FOLLOWS :—

FOR COAST AND CALCUTTA.

S. S. CHANDA, 2,021 Tons, on THURSDAY, 25th March, 1880, at 3 P.M., calling at Ratnagherry, Vingorla, Goa, Carwar, Coompta, Mangalore, Cananore, Tellicherry, Baypore, Calicut, Cochin, Alleppey, Tuticorin, Colombo, Galle, Negapatam, Pondicherry Madras, Coconada, Visagapatam, Bimlipatam, Gopalpore, False Point, Ports are called at in the foregoing or any order.

Conveyance to the Nilgherry Hills.—The steamers are timed to reach Beypore at daybreak, and arrangements have been made for a train to leave Beypore specially in connection with the steamers' arrival to convey passengers right through to Mettapolium, where they will arrive at 7-45 p. m., and after staying for the night can proceed up the Ghat early the following morning.

FOR KURRACHEE AND PERSIAN GULF.

THE S.S. PACHUMBA, 867 Tons, on TUESDAY, 23rd March, at 4 p.m., calling at Kurrachee, Muscat, Jask, Bunder Abbas, Lingah, Bushire, Fao and Bussrah, in the foregoing or any order.

FOR CUTCH MANDAVIE AND KURRACHEE.

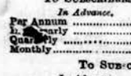
S. S. UMBALLA, 8,40 Tons, on SATURDAY, 27th March, 1880, at 10 a.m.

FOR NATAL, MOZAMBIQUE, ZANZIBAR, ADEN, HODEIDA AND JEDDAH.

S. S. JAVA, 1,465 Tons, on THURSDAY, 8th April, 1880. Cargo and Passengers for Hodeida and Jeddah can be sent by this steamer at through rates. A favourable opportunity of passage to Natal is offered, as the Java, connects at Delagoa Bay with Messrs. Donald Currie and Co.'s Line of Steamers to Natal and the Cape.

MACKINNON, MACKENZIE & Co.,
Bombay, 19th March 1880. Agents.

STEAM COMMUNICATION WITH ITALY, VIA SUEZ CANAL.



ITALIAN STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY of Messrs. R. RUBATTINO & Co., GENOA.
THE REGULAR STEAMERS LEAVE GENOA and BOMBAY on the 24th and on the 1st of each Month.

PASSENGERS' RATES FROM BOMBAY.
[Inclusive of all Transit Fees through the Suez Canal.]

	1st Class.	2nd Class.	3rd Class.	
Aden	Rs. 220	Rs. 150	Rs. 40	
Suez	360	220	80	
Port Said	380	240	90	
Messina	500	340	140	Without food.
Naples	500	340	140	Including Wine.
Leghorn	500	340	140	
Genoa	500	340	140	
Marseilles	520	350	146	

Children under 3 years, free of charge ; Children not above 10 years, half fare.
Passengers' heavy Baggage will be delivered in LONDON FREE of CHARGE to the extent allowed in the Handbooks. All extra Luggage will be charged for at rates which can be learnt from the Agent.

NEXT STEAMERS FROM BOMBAY:—
ASSIRIA, to sail on THURSDAY, 25th March, 1880.
SINGAPORE, to sail on THURSDAY, 1st April, 1880.
SUMATRA, to sail on SATURDAY, 1st May, 1880.
INDIA, to sail on TUESDAY, 1st June, 1880.

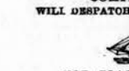
All Steamers of this Company have large First and Second Class accommodation ; and always carry a Doctor and a Stewardess on board.
The steamers of this Company, as a rule, start precisely at 10 a. m. Any unavoidable detention will, however, be advertised at least one day previously.
First and Second Class through Railway Tickets, from NAPLES to LONDON, are now issued here at rates which can be learnt from the undersigned.
Cargo for Barcelona and Odessa can now be booked at through rates.
For Hand-books of information, rates of freight, &c., apply to

C. GRONDONA,
Agent, Rubattino Steam Navigation Company.
No. 2, Hummum Street.
Bombay, 21st November 1879.

BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL.

VIA SUEZ CANAL.

FARE ..... Rs. 400.



MR. DAVID McIVER'S Steamer SICILY, Captain GREEN, 1,675 Tons 120 H.P. nominal, will sail as above on the 27th April.
She has comfortable First Class Passenger accommodation. For further particulars apply to

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co., Agents.
Bombay, 4th March 1880.

ANCHOR LINE
or
TRANSATLANTIC, PENINSULAR, MEDITERRANEAN AND INDIAN STEAMSHIPS.

INDIAN SERVICE.

THE following sailings have been arranged from Bombay :—

TO LIVERPOOL DIRECT.	Tons.	H. P.	Captain.	1880.
S. S. OLYMPIA	2050	424	J. Craig	24th March.
S. S. COLUMBIA	2090	300	Wm. Young	7th April.
S. S. MACEDONIA	2272	486	J. Laird	21th April.
S. S. ITALIA	2245	434	J. G. Knox	8th May.
S. S. TRINACRIA	2167	424	L. White, about	12th do.

These Steamers have been specially fitted for the Indian Trade and have accomodation for a large number of Saloon Passengers.
Each steamer carries a SURGEON and STEWARDESS.

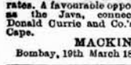
Fare through to		
New York	Rs.	600
Liverpool	,,	500
Marseilles and Genoa	,,	450
Naples	,,	400.

For plans, handbooks of information, and for any further information apply to

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co., Agents.
Graham's Buildings, Bombay.
N.B.—The New York passages are booked in connection with the Company Atlantic Mail Service either from Greenock or from London.
There are weekly sailings from either place

CUNARD LINE.

DIRECT STEAM COMMUNICATION.
BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL.
CALLING AT MALTA.



THE S.S. BATAVIA, 2,653 Tons, 450 H.P., THE FIRST OF THE "CUNARD COMPANY'S" LINE, will be despatched as above on or about the 3rd April.
Her accommodation is spacious, comfortable and airy, and fitted with all requisites for the comfort of Passengers.
Carries a SURGEON and STEWARDESS.

FARE TO MALTA	Rs.	400,
,, TO LIVERPOOL	,,	500.

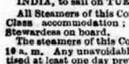
For other particulars apply to

EDWARD BATES & Co., Agents.
Elphinstone Circle, Bombay.

HALL LINE

BETWEEN
BOMBAY AND LIVERPOOL.
CALLING AT MALTA.

FARE TO MALTA	Rs.	400.
,, LIVERPOOL	,,	500.



THE following sailings have been arranged from Bombay :—

	Tons.	H.P.	Captain.	1880.
S. S. RYDAL HALL	2700	400	O. Lloyd	24th Mar.
S. S. SPEKE HALL	2700	400	W. Brand	21st April
S. S. CITY OF BALTIMORE	2300	300	J. Verril	19th May.
S. S. RYDAL HALL	2700	400	O. Lloyd	16th June.

These fast steamers have been specially built and adapted in every way for the Bombay trade.
Each Steamer carries a SURGEON and STEWARDESS.
For plans, handbooks, or for any other information apply to

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co., Agents.
Graham's Buildings, Bombay.

SHIPPING.

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL COMPANY.

STEAM TO SOUTHAMPTON, BRINDISI, VENICE, MARSEILLES, ADEN, SUEZ, MALTA AND GIBRALTAR.

THE following or other Steamers will be despatched as above :—

Vessels.	Tons, H.P.	Captains.	1880.
NEPAUL	3536 400	J. S. Murray	20th March
ZAMBESI	2431 370	A. Symons	27th do.
DECCAN	3429 550	W. H. Andrews	3rd April.
TEHERAN	2949 460	A. H. Johnson	10th do.
KAISER-I-HIND	4023 700	R. Methven	17th do.
SURAT	3141 530	W. E. Breeze	24th do.
VENETIA	2726 450	J. Orman	1st May.
BANGALORE	2342 450	H. Wyatt	8th do.
VERONA	3065 600	W. Barratt	15th do.
SUMATRA	2488 450	R. F. Briscoe	22nd do.
KASHGAR	2621 450	E. J. Baker	29th do.

A Launch leaves the Company's Dock Head, Mazagon, at 3 p.m, on the day of sailing.
For passage, &c., apply to

F. D. PARKER,
Bombay, 16th March 1880. Superintendent.

STEAM TO CEYLON, PENANG, STRAITS, CHINA, AND JAPAN.

THE following Steamers will be despatched for the above ports :—

Vessels.	Tons. H.P.	Captains.	1880.
NIZAM	2725 460	A. E. Barlow	26th March.
THIBET	2393 400	E. Ashdown	9th April.

A Launch leaves the Company's Dock Head, Mazagon, at 3 p.m, on the day of sailing.
For Passage, &c., apply to

F. D. PARKER,
Bombay, 12th March 1880. Superintendent.

STEAM TO KING GEORGE'S SOUND, ADELAIDE, MELBOURNE, AND SYDNEY, CALLING AT GALLE.

THE following Steamers will be despatched for the above ports :—

Vessels.	Tons. H.P.	Captains.	1880.
ASSAM	3023 500	N. Stewart	26th March.

A Launch leaves the Company's Dock Head, Mazagon, at 3 p.m, on the day of sailing.
For Passage, &c., apply to

F. D. PARKER,
Bombay, 12th March 1880. Superintendent.

HALL LINE OF STEAMERS.
BOMBAY TO LIVERPOOL DIRECT.
CALLING AT MALTA.

THE following STEAMERS will be despatched for the above port :—

	Captains.	Tons.	H.P.	
WISTOW HALL	T. Collin	2,709	400	about April 7th.
BRANKSOME HALL	R. Collin	2,100	300	,, May 5th.
TRENTHAM HALL	J.C. Shaw	2,100	300	,, June 3rd.
FARE TO MALTA				Rs. 400
,, TO LIVERPOOL				,, 500

For further particulars apply to

EDWARD BATES & Co.,
Elphinstone Circle, Bombay. Agents.

NOTICE.

S. S. ERL KING.

ALL CLAIMS against this Steamer must be settled before she sails.
She will sail on the 31st instant.

W. & A. GRAHAM & Co., Agents.
Bombay, 19th March 1880.

ANGLO-INDIAN AGENCY,

28, APOLLO STREET, BOMBAY,
AND
27, LEADENHALL STREET, LONDON, E.C.
(With Agents in Liverpool, Southampton, and Portsmouth.)

PASSENGER DEPARTMENT.

PASSENGERS booked (free of charge) by 1st Class Steamers and Sailing Vessels for all ports at reduced fares, Baggage, Kit, etc., warehoused or shipped. Packages, Cases, Parcels, &c., of any size or shape forwarded at lowest rates of freight. Sovereigns supplied and Remittances effected at favourable rates of Exchange. Passengers met on board ship in Bombay and England, and every information and assistance afforded them. Telegrams have immediate attention.

WM. WATSON & Co.,
Bombay, 28, Apollo Street

CAREW AND COMPANY, LIMITED.

WE have been APPOINTED AGENTS for this Company, and are prepared to receive orders for LOAF SUGAR, CRYSTALIZED and COMMON SUGAR, RUM, SPIRITS of WINE, METHYLATED SPIRIT and MILK PUNCH, manufactured at Ross, North West Provinces.
Samples can be seen at our Office.

W. M. MACAULAY & Co.

GENTLEMEN'S HOSIERY AND TRAVELLERS' DEPARTMENT.

Sixteen varieties in undervests.
Fourteen varieties in Drawers.
Thirty varieties in Socks.
Linen Collars and Cuffs.
White and Colored Shirtings.
Oxford and Flannel Shirts.
White and Colored Handkerchiefs.
Scarfs, Knots, and Neck Ties.
Overland Portmanteaus.
Solid Leather Portmanteaux.
Disraelis, Gladstones, and Valises.
Rugs, Straps, Sticks.
Cotton and Silk Umbrellas.
Military, Driving, and Kid Gloves.
Studs, Links, Solitaires.
Clothes, Tooth, and Hair Brushes.
Horn and Rubber Hair Combs.
Sponges, Soaps, Flasks.
Pocket Filters.
Patent Leather Military Boots.
Plain Calf Military Boots.
Patent Leather Elastic Side Shoes.
Patent Leather Lace Shoes.
Brown Canvas Racket Shoes
With Reeded Rubber Soles.
Catalogues forwarded on application.

WATSON AND COMPANY,
ESPLANADE HOTEL.

TABLE LINEN.

GERMAN MISSION WEAVING ESTABLISHMENT, MANGALORE.

TABLE CLOTHS.

DAMASK PATTERN

	Each Rs.	as.		Each Rs.	as.
6 ft. by 6	4	0	7 ft. by 9	7	0
6 ft. by 8	5	6	7 ft. by 10	8	0
6 ft. by 9	6	0	7 ft. by 12	9	8
6½ ft. by 6½	4	14	8½ ft. by 8½	7	4
6½ ft. by 9	6	12	8½ ft. by 15	13	4
7 ft. by 7	5	8	9½ ft. by 12	13	0

DIAMOND PATTERN.

	Each Rs.	as.		Each Rs.	as.
5½ ft. by 5½	2	12	6½ ft. by 9	5	4
6 ft. by 6	3	4	6½ ft. by 10	5	14
6 ft. by 8	4	6	7 ft. by 7	4	4
6 ft. by 9	4	14	7 ft. by 9	5	8
6½ ft. by 6½	3	12	7½ ft. by 10	6	6

TABLE NAPKINS.

DAMASK PATTERN.

	per doz.	Rs.	as.		per doz.	Rs.	as.
20 in. by 20	4	8		24 in. by 24	5	8	

DIAMOND PATTERN.

	per doz.	Rs.	as.		per doz.	Rs.	as.
20 in. by 20	3	12		24 in. by 24	4	12	

TOWELS.

32 in. by 32	per doz.	Rs.	7	8
32 in. by 45	,,	,,	10	8
34 in. by 34	,,	,,	8	8
34 in. by 45	,,	,,	11	4
34 in. by 54	,,	,,	13	8

COUNTERPANES FOR SINGLE AND DOUBLE COTS, TOILETTE TABLE COVERS,
SHIKAR CLOTH.

FOR CASH ONLY.

SOLE AGENT.
J. NEUBERG,
BOMBAY.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

WILSON'S GREAT WORLD CIRCUS.

THIS DAY, SATURDAY, MARCH 20.
AFTERNOON AT 4 O'CLOCK.
EVENING AT 9 PRECISELY.

THE management have altered the hour of the Afternoon Performance from 3 to 4 o'clock, for the convenience of families and those residing at a distance, and it is their wish that it should be distinctly understood that the performances at the afternoon performances are equally as good as those of the evening.

SCHOOLS! SCHOOLS!! SCHOOLS!!!

Special reduction will be made if desired in the case of schools wishing to attend if application is made in time at the Box Office.

LAST NIGHTS! LAST NIGHTS!

Owing to engagements in various other parts of India, prior to their departure to Singapore, Batavia, and Melbourne, the Proprietor of the Great World Circus respectfully informs the public of Bombay that the stay of the company here can only be extended to a few days longer. For the remainder of their sojourn in Bombay there will be introduced in quick succession Novelties both startling and exciting. So large and talented a congress of Star Artistes having been secured at a considerably large outlay, it now remains for the citizens of Bombay, as far as lays in their power, to testify their application of Mr. WILSON'S endeavours to cater so liberally and successfully for their amusement.

TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!! TO-NIGHT!!!
MAGNIFICENT PROGRAMME.
MANY NOVELTIES.

SECURE YOUR SEATS! SECURE YOUR SEATS

Reserved Chairs and Private Boxes can be secured at the Ticket Office from 10 a. m. to 5 p. m.
Zenana Boxes will be fitted up for any number required on application at the Circus.

PRICES.

Private Boxes to accomodate four	Rs. 16
Chairs, First Class	,, 3
,, Second Class	,, 2
Third Class	,, 1
Fourth Class	Ans. 8

N. B.—The seats in the Pavilion are fitted this year more comfortably than ever.

NOTICE.

BILLS against the Circus will be PAID EVERY FRIDAY between 12 and 2 o'clock p.m. at the Ticket Office.

JOHN WILSON,
Proprietor and Manager.

CONSIGNEES of CARGO, per Italian Mail Steamer SINGAPORE, Captain MERELLO, ARRIVED in Bombay Harbour on the 19th instant, are hereby requested to SEND BILLS of LADING for counter-signature, and PAY FREIGHT (if any) and Hire for DELIVERY ORDERS at the Company's Office, No. 2, Hummum Street, without delay.
All claims for short delivery, &c., must be sent in before the departure of the Steamer, otherwise they will not be admitted under any circumstance.

C. GRONDONA,
Agent, Rubattino S. N. Company.

ICE! ICE!! ICE!!!

UP-COUNTRY orders for Ice addressed to the undersigned will be promptly attended to.

C. H. B. FORBES & Co.,
Secretaries and Agents,
Bombay Ice Manufacturing Company, Limited.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

NOTICE.—The SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the Chamber of Commerce convened for WEDNESDAY, the 24th instant, at 4 o'clock p. m., will NOT be HELD.
By Order of the Committee,

J. GORDON, Secretary.
Bombay Chamber of Commerce, 19th March 1880.

NOW READY,

BOMBAY GAZETTE OVERLAND SUMMARY.

The *BOMBAY GAZETTE OVERLAND SUMMARY*, prepared for despatch by each Overland Mail for Europe, contains, in addition to all the News of the Week, a specially-written Market and Freight Report, and a well-digested Summary of Events.

Annual Subscription in advance) Rs. 12
Single Copy ..... Annas 4
"Bombay Gazette" Office, Meadow Street, Fort.

NOW READY.

THE BOMBAY PRICE CURRENT AND SUMMARY OF TRADE.

Published once a week at the *Bombay Gazette* Office, on the departure of the Overland Mail for Europe.
The Bombay Price Current contains—
A Specially-Written Market Report.
Freight Report, &c.
Summary of Cotton Exports during the week.
Imports and Exports of Bullion.
Quotations of Imports and Exports, and Customs' Duties.
Comparative Summary of Exports from Bombay, up to date as per Ships' Manifests, with the total Exports for the month, and for the same period as far back as 1870 and 1878 respectively.
Comparative Summaries of Imports of Piece Goods and of Yarn into Bombay from Great Britain up to date, with the total for the month and the same period as far back as 1870 and 1878 respectively.
Share List and Rates of Exchange.
List of Vessels in Bombay Harbour on the date of publication, arrivals and departures of Vessels during the week, and Vessels expected from Out and Home Ports.
Charters and Engagements.
Annual Subscription in advance ..... Rs. 10
Single Copy ..... Annas 4
"Bombay Gazette" Office, Meadow Street, Fort.

PROCLAMATION.—BOMBAY TO WIT.—

By virtue of a Precept to me directed, I hereby proclaim and give Notice, that the SECOND SESSIONS of 1880 of OYER AND TERMINER, and GENERAL GAOL DELIVERY, will be holden before the High Court of Judicature at Bombay, at the Court House, on SATURDAY, the Tenth day of April next, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, for the trial of all Treasons, Murders, and other Felonies, Perjuries, Trespasses, and other Crimes, Misdemeanors, and Offences, had, done, or committed, within the Town and Island of Bombay, and the Limits thereof, and the Factories subordinate thereto ; and also to inquire, hear, and determine, in the like manner, all Treasons, Murders, Felonies, Forgeries, Perjuries, Crimes, Extortions, Misdemeanors, Offences, Wrongs, and Oppressions, had, done, or committed by any of Her Majesty's British Subjects in any of the territories which now are or hereafter may be dependant upon the Government of Bombay, or within any of the Dominions of the Native Princes of India in alliance with the said Government.
And also, that at the same time and place will be holden a Session of Admiralty, for the trial of all Treasons, Murders, Piracies, Robberies, Felonies, Misdemeanors, Offences, and other Maritime Crimes whatsoever, done or committed on the High Seas.
And I hereby give notice to all persons bound to prosecute and give evidence at the above Sessions, or in any way concerned therein, that they are to attend at the time and place abovementioned, and not to depart without leave of the Court.
And I hereby give notice to all Justices of the Peace, Coroners, Escheators, and also all Chief Constables and Bailiffs of the Town and Island of Bombay, and the limits thereof, that they be then and there in their own persons, with their Rolls, Records, Indictments, and other remembrances, to do those things which to their offices in that behalf appertain to be done.—Dated this 17th day of March 1880.

W. MAITLAND,
Sheriff of Bombay.

THE MALABAR COFFEE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE is hereby given, that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held in the Registered Office of the Company, Rampart Row, in the Fort of Bombay, on MONDAY, the 5th day of April, 1880, at 2 o'clock p.m., for confirming the following Special Resolutions which were adopted by the Shareholders at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on Wednesday, the 17th day of March 1880.

1. That out of the sum realised by the sale of the Company's house in Elphinstone Circle, a sum of Rs. 22,830 be divided in accordance with the Memorandum of Association among the Shareholders of the Company, being at the rate of Ten Rupees per share.
2. That Clause 39 of the Articles of Association be cancelled, and that in lieu thereof the following Clause be inserted :—
"The Directors shall conduct and carry on the business of the Company, and shall be at liberty to appoint one of their number Managing Director."
3. That in the first line in Clause 40 of the Articles of Association the words "said Treasurers and Managers" be omitted, and that the words "Managing Director for the time being" be inserted in lieu thereof.
4. That from the 11th and 12th lines of Clause 49 of the Articles of Association the words "Secretaries, Treasurers, and Managers" be omitted, and that the words "Managing Director" be inserted in lieu thereof.
5. That Clause 41 of the Articles of Association be cancelled, and that the following Clause be inserted in lieu thereof :—
"The remuneration of the Managing Director shall be Fifty Rupees a month."
6. That Clause 42 of the Articles of Association be cancelled.
7. That the words "exclusive of such ex-officio Director" in Clause 43 of the Articles of Association be omitted.
8. That the words "The number and qualification respectively of the Directors be" in the first line of Clause 44 of the Articles of Association be omitted, and that the words "their number, including an ex officio Director, shall be four, and" in the same Clause be likewise omitted.
9. That the words "The said firm of Messrs Forbes & Co. and" in the second line of Clause 47 of the Articles of Association be omitted.
10. That the words "(exclusive of an ex-officio Director)" in line second of Clause 49 of the Articles of Association be omitted.
11. That the world "elected" in the first line of Clause 56 of the Articles of Association be omitted.

By Order of the Directors,

JOHN MACFARLANE.

ANGLO-SWISS MILK

is received by
EVERY MAIL STEAMER.
Per Tin, Cash, Annas 8.

TREACHER & Co., LIMITED.

CARLSBADER SPRUDEL SALZ
THE NATURAL SALT,

Obtained by Evaporation and Crystallization of the THERMAL SPRUDEL WATERS OF CARLSBAD.

	Cash.	Credit.
Per 4 ounce bottle	Rs. 2 8	Rs. 2 12

NATURAL MINERAL WATERS.

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CARLSBAD ..... quarts per dozen Rs.	12 0	Rs. 13 8
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Clotilde	Mr A B Tapping

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COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

FRIDAY EVENING, 19TH MARCH, 1880.

BOMBAY has been accustomed to such a plethora of steam tonnage of late years, that any one who had predicted a month ago that we should have the rate for Liverpool up to 50s. per ton, with every prospect of its going higher, would have been considered insane. This, nevertheless, is the present state of things, and the Export trade has in consequence been completely upset by the continued scarcity of ready available tonnage, and unfortunately the evil cannot possibly be remedied until quite the end of the month, and even then the supply will be very moderate. That we shall have a rapid reaction before the end of our shipping season there is little reason to doubt, as the present tempting rates of freight will attract steamers here from all directions. In the meantime, however, the uncomfortable fact remains that most of our largest shippers are 'cornered' for freight, and that Seeds and Cotton are accumulating to an alarming extent. One of the results of this rapid accumulation of produce was shown in the last published return of the Bank of Bombay by an increase of thirteen lacs of rupees in the trade demand, and a corresponding decrease in the Cash Balance; the Directors consequently raised the rates of discount and interest one per cent. all round at their Board Meeting. Money in the bazaar, however, as yet is obtainable on fairly easy terms. Our Import trade shows no signs of recovery, on the contrary, influenced by dull accounts from the Home markets, prices of almost all descriptions are lower than they were a week ago.

MONEY.—The last published return of the Bank of Bombay showed a decrease in the Cash Balance of 17½ lacs, owing mainly to an increase in Loans, and the amount of Bills discounted of 13 lacs. The return was somewhat less favourable than was generally anticipated, although during the next few months a steady increase in the trade demand might under any circumstances be looked for; it was therefore no matter of surprise that the Directors of the Bank at their Board Meeting on Wednesday last raised their rates of discount and interest one per cent. all round. The rate consequently on Government Securities is now six per cent. No further advance has been made in the Bank of Bengal's rates in Calcutta during the week which remain at seven per cent.

EXCHANGE.—Rates for sterling during the week have been steady, and the tendency has been generally upwards. Very little business was done last Mail-day, and rates closed for the Mail at the quotations given in our last Report. On Monday the market showed unexpected strength, and an advance of 1-32d. to 1-16th per rupee was established. On Tuesday a further advance of 1-16th both here and in Calcutta, although the quantity of Bills offering was not large. As usual on Wednesday the Banks showed little disposition to buy, pending the sale of Council drafts in London. The allotment of the whole forty-five lacs was made on the following terms, viz.:—Rs. 32,10,000 to Calcutta, Rs. 1,20,000 to Madras, and Rs. 11,70,000 to Bombay. The average rate of allotment was 1s. 8d. per rupee on Calcutta and Madras, and 1s. 8·02d. on Bombay, the minimum rate being 1s. 8d. per rupee, at which 12 per cent. of the amount applied for was allotted. The result of the sale was that rates for sterling opened firm on Thursday at an advance of 1-32d. per rupee, very little business was done, however, the Banks being by no means keen buyers, although there was very little House Paper offering for sale. To-day the market has been quiet, and in anticipation of a fall there were more buyers of Bank Paper in the morning. During the day, however, more favorable rates offered by the Banks brought a fair amount of Mercantile Bills into the market. A rise of ¼d. per oz. in Bar Silver reported by Reuter this morning was apparently generally known by the Banks yesterday, as Calcutta Sterling rates are weaker this afternoon. The closing quotations are as follows, viz.:—Bank Bills on demand 1s. 8 1-16d. to 1s. 8 3-32d., 3 months' sight 1s. 8 3-16d., 4 months' sight 1s. 8¼d., Credits, 3 months' sight 1s. 8 11-32d., 4 months' sight 1s. 8 17-32d., Documents, 3 months' sight, 1s. 8 13-32d., 6 months' sight 1s 8 19-32d.; France, 3 months' sight 2·15. Bar Silver during the week has steadily followed the upward course of Exchange opening at 51¼d. per oz., at which it remained until Tuesday, when it advanced to 52d., and on Thursday after the allotment of Council drafts to 52 1-16d. per oz., and on Friday to 52 3-16d. per oz.

On Calcutta, the rate for demand drafts continues at 100 1-16, and 60 days' sight Bills are now quoted at 99¼, but very little business has been done.

On China, we quote demand Bank Bills at Rs. 224 per 100 dollars.

From Hongkong, the latest telegraphic quotation for 4 months' sight Bank Bills on London is 3s. 9¼d. per dollar, and from Shanghai 5s. 2¼d. per tael.

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES.—Early in the week there was a quieter feeling, but latterly there has been a good demand, and considerable transactions have been reported. Four per cents. are strong at Rs. 95, and Fours-and-a-half at Rs. 102¼.

SHARES.—This market continues very quiet, and values as a rule, when compared with last Mail day, are again in favour of buyers. Bank shares are unchanged. In Land Companies Colabas have declined Rs. 15, Mazagons have advanced Rs. 25, and Port Cannings Rs. 2½ per share. For Press Companies' Scrip, as is usual at this season of the year, there has been rather more enquiry, an advance of Rs 30 per share has been established in Alliance, Rs. 40 in Apollo, Rs. 15 in Bellary, Rs. 5 in Berar and Indian, Rs. 2 in Broach, Rs. 100 in Colabas, Rs. 25 in Dholleras, Rs. 10 in French and Sind, and Rs. 35 in Volkart's United. A decline of Rs. 50 per share has taken place in Akbars, Rs. 10 in East India, Rs. 20 in Fort Press, and Rs. 5 in Mofussils. For Spinning and Weaving Companies' shares there is little demand, and prices as a rule have given way. Coorla and Dhurrumseys are Rs. 15 per share lower. Great Eastern and Hindustan Rs. 10, Jewraz Balloo, Madras United, and Morarjees Rs. 5, Khandeish Rs. 20 Oriental Rs. 12½. An advance of Rs. 35 has been established in Alliance, Rs. 25 in National and Sassoons, and Rs. 15 in Sholapore. In Miscellaneous shares there has been a good demand for Bombay Burmah Trading Company at daily hardening rates.

PIECE-GOODS.—The market this week has again been very quiet, and although just at the close there is somewhat more enquiry in the bazaar, it is only at a decline of about 1 anna per piece on Grey Goods for the week. The total clearances are only estimated at about 1,200 to 1,300 packages. Stocks, however, remain light, and so long as these do not accumulate to any alarming extent the position of the market should be strong, and a renewed demand may spring up at any time. Home advices, however, are so very unfavorable that any great activity in this market seems improbable. In Grey Goods an insignificant business has been done at 1 anna per piece decline. Bleached Goods, Dyed and Printed, are quite out of demand, the season for the latter being now almost at an end, and prices for all descriptions closing in favour of buyers.

TWIST.—The transactions in imported Yarn have been on a very small scale, both on the spot and to arrive, and prices are ¼ to ½ anna per lb lower all round. Local Yarns are fairly steady, but with the fear of a dearer money market before long some disposition is shown by dealers to realize stocks at lower rates.

METALS.—With a drop of 30s. per ton in home quotations the market for Copper has been very weak, and prices are 8 annas to Re. 1 per cwt. lower. Stocks in the bazaar, however, are moderate, and any improvement in the up-country demand should lead to a rapid reaction. Braziers are nominally worth Rs. 51 per cwt., and business has been reported during the week at that price. *Yellow Metal* is also dull of sale, and no business from first hands has been reported during the week. *Iron* is in much the same position as other Metals; stocks are not heavy, but there is absolutely no enquiry.

COALS.—The only business done during the week has been a Cargo of Cardiff, per ship Khersonese in harbour, at Rs. 19 per ton. There are free sellers to arrive of Davison's West Hartley and Cardiff at Rs. 19½ per ton, but there are no buyers even at 8 annas per ton lower.

COTTON.—With very unfavourable accounts from the Home markets and daily increasing stocks in Bombay, prices here have given way Rs. 7 to Rs. 8 per candy during the week, and, notwithstanding the decline, the reported transactions in ready Cotton have only amounted to about 7,000 bales. The very small business for the season of the year, considering the abundant supplies of good Cotton available, is mainly attributable to the scarcity of tonnage previously referred to, which so long as it lasts must hamper our export trade considerably. During the week, large settlements have been made by buyers, rather than take delivery of Cotton contracted for some time ago, with so little prospect at present of being able to ship it. The arrivals from up-country this week amounted to 46,401 bales, against 41,827 bales last week. Machine-Ginned Broach is now coming in more freely, and the quality continues excellent, as also does that of all the Dholleras descriptions which are arriving in large quantities. Although the shipments of Cotton during the present month will fall far short of general expectation, there is no reason to reduce the estimate for the total clearances by the 31st June. On the contrary, we may in the natural course of events look for an abundant supply of cheap tonnage just before the monsoon, in which case 7,50,000 to 8,00,000 bales is not in our opinion too high an estimate.

The *Receipts* from up-country to date show the following comparisons with previous years:—

	1880.	1879.	1878.
For the Week	46,401	23,984	38,956
Since 1st Sept.	440,265	401,662	399,753
Since 1st Jan.	322,271	283,698	227,232

The *Clearances for Sea* since last Mail-day have been 12,956 bales, making a total since 1st January of 190,793, against 122,853 bales at the corresponding time last year.

The following are to-day's quotations for full-pressed Cotton, with the equivalents in Sterling, Cost and Freight to Liverpool, via Canal, without Commission:—

	Per Candy.	Per lb. C. & F.
Good Oomra, Ready	Rs. 283 =	6¾d.
F.G.F. do. do.	,, 225 =	5 15/16d.
G.F. do. do.	,, 217 =	5 23/32d.
Good do. April delivery	,, 233 =	6 3/32d.
F.G.F. do. do.	,, 225 =	5¾d.
G.F. do. do.	,, 217 =	5 11/16d.
Good Hingunghaut, Ready	,, 245 =	6 13/32d.
,, Broach, ,,	,, 244 =	6¼d.
,, do. April ,,	,, 243 =	6 5/16d.
,, Dholleras, Ready	,, 234 =	6 5/32d.
,, do. April	,, 235 =	6¼d.
F.G.F. do. May	,, 224 =	5 27/32d.

SEEDS.—Early in the week there was rather more enquiry for *Linseed*, and its value in consequence advanced to Rs. 6-7 per cwt., latterly, however, with large arrivals and small purchases, prices have given way 2 annas per cwt., and dealers are willing to accept Rs. 6-5 per cwt. without attracting buyers. In *Rapeseed* there is absolutely nothing doing, and prices must decline here considerably before they will show any inducement to shippers to operate. Stocks of Old Seed are moderate, and although Rs. 6-4 per cwt. is still the nominal quotation for New Gujerat for May delivery, purchases could be effected on easier terms. Supplies of *Gingelly* continue on a moderate scale, which are being bought at about previous prices.

WHEAT.—Dealers are willing to accept lower rates for the New Crop for May delivery, but in the present uncertain state of our Freight Market buyers show little disposition to operate. We quote:—Old White, ready, Rs. 39; New White, May delivery, Rs. 34; and New Hard Red, ready, Rs. 35 per candy.

BOMBAY BILL AND STOCK LIST.

BANKS.

Banks.	No. of shares.	Nomi. Value p. sh.	Paid up.	Last Dividend.	Cash Rates per Share.
		Rs.	Rs.	p. a.	
Agra Bank	100,000	100	all	9 p. ct.	122
Bank of Bengal	40,000	500	all	4 do	740
Bank of Bombay	20,000	500	all	5 do	677½
Bank of Madras	60,000	500	all	3 do	640
National Bank of India.	37,320	£25	£12-10	6 do	104

PRICES OF BULLION, &c.

Sovereigns, each	Rs. 12-1-6
Carolus	,, 224
Mexican Dollars	,, 222
Five-Franc Pieces	,, 220
Bar Silver, 17 to 17½ batteeness	,, 106-10-0
Gold Leaf	,, 19-6-0
Bar Gold, 10 oz. English, 100 touch	,, 19-3-0
Australian Gold, 100 touch	,, 19-8-0
Bombay Bar Gold 100 touch	,, 19-7-6
Pekin Gold Bars	,, 18-15-6

GREAT INDIAN PENINSULA RAILWAY.

Statement of Traffic for the week ending 13th March 1880.

Open 1,272¾ miles.

	Rs., a. p.
Coaching	1,34,880 11 0
Merchandise	4,02,999 8 0
Telegraph	938 0 0
Total Rs.	5,38,818 3 0
Corresponding week last year, open 1,208¾ miles. Total Rs.	5,70,763 4 7
Decrease	32,445 1 7

SHIPPING INTELLIGENCE.

THE ship HINDOSTAN, 1,547 tons, Captain J Belyed, will sail to-day for Calcutta in ballast.

THE S S ARROW, 130 hors, Captain G J Baker, arrived in harbour yesterday from Coast and Cutch with a general cargo and 177 deck passengers.

THE GOVERNMENT HIRED S S CHILKA, 1,407 tons, Captain D Campbell, arrived in harbour yesterday from Kurrachee with 11 details, 2 commissariat clerks, and 1 deck passenger.

THE A. H. LLOYD Co's s. s. ETTORE, 1,318 tons, Captain C. Lazarich, will sail to-day for Trieste, Venice, &c., with a general cargo and passengers.

THE B I S N Co's s s SOCOTRA, 1,240 tons, Captain W Starratt, will sail to-day for Kattywar Coast and Kurrachee with a general cargo and 75 deck passengers.

THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT S. S. DALHOUSIE 1,066 tons, Captain W. J. Powell, arrived in harbour yesterday from Kurrachee with Lieut. and Mrs. A. G. Sinclair 27th N. I., one detail of 21st N. I., and one public follower.

THE B I S N Co's s s CHANDA, 1,304 tons, Captain C M H Day, arrived in harbour yesterday from Coast and Calcutta with a general cargo and the following passengers:—Mr J Neeberg, The Rev D Hutton, Master W Higgins, Mr Hoehlin, Quarter Master McQuade, 83rd Foot, 2 Misses Brown, Major Weathersll, Mr D Henderson, three soldiers, 38 dooly bearers and 34 deck.

THE P AND O Co's s s ZAMBESI, 1,540 tons, Captain A Symens, which arrived in harbour on the 18th inst from Venice, brought the following cargo:—7 cases gold thread 11 cases jewellery, 33 packages piece goods, 81 boles, twist, 6 cases cochineal, 40 packages colours, 12 cases candles, 2 cases false gold, 69 cases beads, 51 cases geneva, 1 case books, 1 package glass ware, 3 cases drugs, 4 cases machinery, 255 tons coals, 23 cases saffron, 349 boxes silver, 6 boxes silver coins, 5 boxes specie, and many packages merchandise.

MESSRS RUBATTINO Co's s s SINGAPORE, 2,418 tons, Captain G Merello, arrived in harbour yesterday from Genoa [24th Feb.], with the following cargo:—From Bordeaux—503 packages wine, 130 cases champagne, 1 case cards, 3,361 cases brandy, 1 case paper, 25 packages fruits, 5 cases butter, 1 case perfumery, 21 packages fruits, and 8 drums oil. From London—34 packages piece goods, 26 cases brandy and 65 packages papers. From Marseilles—7 packages piece goods, 23 boxes silver, 115 cases brandy, 91 cases liqueur, 2 cases saffron, 50 packages sulphur, 91 cases vermouth, 10 cases blacking, 33 packages sundries, 1 case gold thread, 8 cases wines, 9 packages provisions, 5 cases absynth, and 3 packages drugs. From Genoa—249 packages glass ware, 19 packages piece goods 5 cases thread, 20 packages papers, 29 packages sundries 2 cases brandy, 30 cases wines, 12 packages marbles, 2 packages watches, 875 tons coals, 6 cases vermouth, 165 bars and 3,668 bundles iron. From Naples—90 cases wines, and 2 cases instruments. From Messina—51 cases wines. From Suez—12 pieces ivory. From Aden—34 packages specie.

ARRIVALS.

Mar.	Vessels.	Commanders.	From.
19	Chilka (s).....	Campbell.....	Kurrachee, Mar 16.
	Arrow (s).....	Baker.....	Jamnuggur, Mar 16.
	Chanda (s).....	Day.....	Calcutta, Feb 26.
	Singapore (s).....	Merello.....	Genoa, Feb 24.
	Hoogly.....	.....	Liverpool.
	H. G. Dalhousie(s)..	Pow-ll	Kurrachee, Mar 16,

DEPARTURES.

Mar.	Vessels.	Commanders.	Destination.
19	Assam (s).....	Stewart.....	Melbourne.
	Oonun (s).....	Rean	Coast and Cutch.

The following vessels obtained their port clearance yesterday:—Steamer Scendra, Starratt, to K. Coast and Kurrachee. Ship Hindostan, Belyed, to Calcutta. Steamer Ettore, Lezarich, to Trieste.

The following vessels were entered for loading yesterday:—Steamer Zambesi, to Venice. Steamer Singapore, to Genoa and Marseilles. Steamer Chilka, to Rangoon. Steamer Arrow, to Jamnuggur.

CALCUTTA.

Mar. ARRIVAL.

16 Palm (s) ..... Bark ..... Kurrachee, March 8.

DEPARTURE.

March 15—Steamer Manilla.

MADRAS.

Mar. ARRIVAL

16 Merkara (s)..... ..... Calcutta.

Mar. DEPARTURES.

16 Navarino (s) .... Calcutta.

17 Himalaya (s)..... ..... Rangoon.

DAILY IMPORTS.—MARCH 19.

FROM LIVERPOOL.

Rydal Hall s—39 boxes brandy, Nowrojee Ardaseer and Sons.
Batavia s— 100 boxes brandy, Hajee Esmail Fazul.

FROM LONDON.

Erlking s—40 casks glassware, and bale corks, Tyebally Sumoodin; 125 boxes candles, C Macdonald and Co; 6 cases confectonery, Jamasjee and Co; 2 casks white zinc paint, Tyebally Mooltazkhan.
Centurion—101 cases whiskey and 51 cases old tom, Jamsetjee Framjee; 21 crates earthenware, Issak Noormahamed; 50 drums linseed oil, Shamjee Lelladhur; 25 runlets tar, Syranjee, Shapoorjee.
Vortigern s— 22 casks umber and 17 casks ochre Hiptoola Shaik Adum and Co.

DAILY EXPORTS.—MARCH 19.

FOR LIVERPOOL

Assaya s—100 bales cotton, Thos H Moore and Co; 500 bale cotton, W and A Graham and Co.
Francesca s, 1,983 cwts myrabolams, Jetha Purshotum; 900 cwts myrabolams, Goculdass Jettanee: 1,400 cwts myrabolams, Ruttonjee Manockjee.
Shakespear, s—350 bales cotton, Ritchie, Steuart and Co.
J B Brown s—80 bales hemp, Goculdass Jettanee; 36 bales wire, Hiptoola Shaik Adum and Co.
Rydal Hall s—20 cwts wheat, W and A Graham and Co.

FOR LONDON.

Erlking s—333½ cwts old iron, Ramchunder Mahadew and Co; 107½ cwts turmeric, Jetha Purshotum: 200 bales cotton; Volkart Brothers; 262 cwts coir yarn, Treecumdass Lowjee: 46 cwts dry currier, Sewjee Ramjee.
Nepaul s—300 cwts linseed, Domoder Kessowjee: 12 cwts ivory, Currimbhoy Alloobhoy: 84 cwts ivory, Allana Munjee: 44 cwts ivory, Jairam Sevjee; 13 cwts ivory, Purshotum Khoosal: 6 cwts ivory, Nanchund Jawarchund: 143 cwts ivory, Surriff Durveah: 172 cwts ivory, Sewnath Punalall: 204 cwts ivory, Mahamedjee Hajee Adum; 22½ cwts ivory, Ebram Passanee.

FOR HAVRE.

Erlking s— 1,050 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co: 500 bales cotton Volkart Brothers.

FOR TRIESTE.

Vortigern s—50 bales cotton, Knoop & Co; 400 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers & Co.
Zambesi s—400 bales cotton, 17 bales hides, and 126 bags coffee, P & O S N Co; 350 bales cotton, P Sanquet and Co,
Ettore s—100 bales hemp, Assur Verjee.

FOR VENICE.

Ettore s—100 bales cotton, A Blascheck and Co.
Zambesi s—100 bales cotton, P and O S N Co; 200 bales cotton, Gaddum and Co.

FOR MARSEILLES.

Leo s—100 bales cotton, Killick, Nixon and Co; 100 bales cotton, P Sanquet and Co; 3142 cwts gingelly seed, Volkart Brothers.
Zambesi s—336 bags coffee and 6 bales cotton, P and O S N Co.

FOR BARSILONA.

Farnley s—5,000 bales cotton, Ralli Brothers.
Assiria s—2,0 bales cotton, Knoop and Co.

FOR GENOA.

Leo s—250 cwts gingellyseed, Volkart Brothers; 200 bales cotton, Francisco Israeli.
Zambesi s—100 bales cotton and 100 bags cinamon, P and O S N Co.

FOR SUEZ.

Nepaul s—1 case shawls, Mahomed Sadsuck Nemajee.
Ettore s—1 bundle hides, M. A. Hassum.

FOR HONGKONG.

Nizam s—375 cwts sandalwood, Currimbhoy Ebram: 30 cases fishmaws and sharkfins, Datardina Mowjee: 50 bales twist, B and A Hormusjee: 67 bales twist, E D Sassoon and Co; 43 bales cotton, Agu Syed Mirza: 192 cwts sugar, Currimbhoy Ebram; 68 cwts raisins, Tyebally Jafferbhoy; 77 cwts sandalwood, Jairazbhoy Peerbhoy; 25 bales twist, Guneshlall Shobhagmull.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS.

GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA.

BOMBAY, 18th March 1880.

Means of observations taken at 6 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 10 p.m.

Barometer corrected at 32 deg. Fah	29·848
Temperature of the Air	80·5
Wet Bulb thermometer	76·5
Dew Point	75·0
Relative humidity of Air	·838
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded 8.	2·4
Maximum temperature of air (read at 3 p.m.)	85·6
Minimum do. do. (read at 10 a.m.)	74·3
General Direction of Wind	WNW, W, WNW, NW.
Goverment of wind in 24 hours	174.

*From midnight to midnight.

HIGH COURT.—MARCH 20.

[Before the Honourable the CHIEF JUSTICE and the Honourable Mr. JUSTICE M. MELVILL.]

Appeal for hearing and final disposal.

405—A F Turner—Decsima Hykoop vs James Smith Hykoop—Chalk and W.

[Before the Honourable Mr. JUSTICE MARRIOTT.]

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

LONG CAUSES.

149-76—Tobin and R—The L B and M Bank vs Wamonrao Ramchunder—Balkrishna and B—Part heard.
653-79—Ardeshir and H—The Oriental Bank of C and W Co vs The Chartered Bank of I A and China—Craigie L and T.
In the matter of the last Will and Testament of Nanibai, widow of Mureoond Ramjee, deceased—Jmardhan G—Anundrao Bailajee, Applicant—Succoobai and Godaveribai caveatrices—H W Payne.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

ARRIVALS—MARCH 18.

Wilkinson, Col, Staff, on duty, from England.
Buckland, Lieut, 28th Regt N I, from leave, from England.
Lloyd, Lieut. R H A, from leave, from England.
Wilson, Surg Major, on duty, from England.
Lyons, Surg Major, on duty, from England.
MacNeil, Surg. on duty, from England.
Codrington, Surg Major, on duty, from England.
Flanagan, Surg, on duty, from England.
Peters, Captain, 13th Hussars, on duty, from England.
Evans, Captain, 13th Foot, on duty, from England.
Keith, Surg Major, on duty, from England.
Conellan, Captain, 67th Regt, on Med Cert, from Cabul.

MARCH 19.

Watherall, Major, 16th Regt, on leave, from Cannanore.
McQuade, Quarter Master, 83rd Regt, from leave, from Belgaum.
Cartwright, Captain, 48th Regt, on leave, from Secundrabad.

DEPARTURES.—MARCH 19.

Gaisford, 2nd Lieut. 21st Fusiliers, on duty, to Deolalee.
Chapman, Lieut. 29th Regt, on duty, to Deolalee.
Jervis, Surg, on leave, to Poona.
Smithers, Lieut Col, 14th Regt N I, to join, to Alipore.
Perkins, Bt Col, Staff Corps, on duty, to Oudh.
Rusted, Surg Major, on duty, to Calcutta.
Buckland, Surg Major, 28th Regt N I, to join, to Meerut.
Peters, Captain, 13th Hussars, to join, to Lucknow.

THE NAVY.

WE take the following naval appointments from the *Evening Standard*, Feb. 27:—

Staff-commanders.—W. H. Bradley, to the Pembroke, for the Assaemenon; J. A. B. Petch, to the Pembroke, for the Orion.

Lieutenant.—H. Preedy, to the Assistance.

Paymasters.—J. G. Shepherd, to the Agincourt; R. Divers, to the Lord Warden for coast guard service; E. N. Chamberlain, to the Hector.

Chief Engineers.—F. H. Herrmann, to the Euryalus; T. Crosman, to the Pembroke, for the Nelson; G. Hunt, to the Asia, for the Sultan.

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Bombay, 16th March 1880.

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BOMBAY.

BIRTH.

RUSSELL.—March 19th, at the Chalet, Malabar Hill, Mrs. John G. Russell, of a son.

OTHER PRESIDENCIES.

BIRTHS.

GEORGE—March 15th, at Kamoore, the wife of Mr. P George, P W D, of a daughter.
NICHOLLS—March 12th, at Roorkee, the wife of the Rev Wm Ward Nicholls, of twin daughters.
PRATT—March 13th, at Purneah, the wife of J Pratt, Esq., B C S, of a daughter.
SANDEL—March 15th, at Calcutta, the wife of Mr M L Sandel, of a son.

The Bombay Gazette

SATURDAY, MARCH 20, 1880.

IN General Roberts's despatches published the other day the public have at last received certain, if somewhat stinted, confirmation of the fact now so generally admitted throughout India, that during the recent military operations in the vicinity of Kabul the British army there narrowly escaped a fate as appalling as that of the 24th Foot at Islandwana as disastrous in its results to the Empire as was the massacre of 1842. Such, we think, must be the verdict even after perusing the General's own account of the events he describes, including the investment, for ten days, of his army by a horde of undisciplined hillmen. Not that the despatches in themselves admit that such a catastrophe was at any time imminent. On the contrary, those periods which were the most anxious to the troops at Sherpur are passed over by General Roberts with a few brief and meagre sentences; but he says enough to make it plain that the other and more independent accounts of the fighting that have come to hand were substantially correct. This unfortunate tendency on the part of modern Indian generals to pose before the world as infallible in military leadership is, however, unfair to the troops who do the real work, and to whom the credit of success almost entirely belongs. The public are led to believe that, after all, the soldiers had little else to do than to carry out with ease and in victory the splendid combinations of their gifted leaders; and, in spite of General Roberts's encomiums passed on the troops under him, of the kind manner in which the gallantry of Private This or Sergeant That is chronicled, of the generosity with which the large majority of commissioned officers at Kabul are submitted for "favourable consideration," the impression still remains after going through the despatches that victory was secured and defeat rendered impossible mainly because in General Roberts the British nation possesses—to quote Lord Lytton,—one of the most "dauntless," most "skilful," and prudent, though enterprising, generals that this or any other age has produced. No just critic will deny that General Roberts has proved himself as a leader of British troops to be possessed of many excellent qualities. He has rendered himself popular among the soldiers, he is energetic in the highest degree, he fears not responsibility, he never shirks a fight, and as a consequence he is lucky; for a leader of British soldiers is seldom wrong in tackling an enemy as soon as seen. We think, however, a perusal of the despatches under notice, when considered along with facts already known, will make it plain that General Roberts, although a good officer, cannot lay claim to either being a very prudent or a very reliable General for supreme command, where cool and careful judgment is required. He has shown himself liable to be swayed by the passing events of each day as easily as the youngest subaltern of his force and to be incapable of realizing to the full extent the significance of the real movement with which he has to deal.

In reviewing the papers under notice, we cannot do better than glance briefly at the story of those seventeen days' fighting round Kabul, filling up the gaps left in the official accounts by information drawn from other quarters. After the exceedingly easy victory of Charassiab, where the flower of the Afghan regular army was dispersed by the presence of a few companies of British infantry, our troops settled down before Kabul in complete confidence of their ability to overcome anything that Afghanistan could bring against them, while General Roberts, also led away by the ease with which he had conquered all opposition, ambitiously took upon himself the duties of the Amirship and the government of the country. During this period, as the despatches admit, the national pride of the Afghans was "touched to the quick," and we know now, although General Roberts did not realise the fact then, that a movement began, which was to set against us the entire Afghan people. During the preceding campaigns our troops had merely to contend with the half-hearted soldiery of Shere Ali's modern regiments. The bulk of the people, knowing that our grievance against their Government was a just one, did not enlist themselves in what was not as yet a national cause. But no sooner did the invaders manifest an intention of remaining in the land than the ever-busy mullahs found ready listeners to their exhortations in every village. And so the storm gathered while the British General all the time was sending daily despatches to India assuring the Viceroy that the population were peacefully settling down, and that our presence was pleasing to all except a few malcontents. And then there was a review of the British army outside Sherpur which the Hindoos of Kabul tell us finally decided the Afghan leaders to make head against us. At that review, to the astonishment of the spectators, it was seen that the army which had conquered their country and that held their capital was only after all but a handful of men. The information brought into the British General as to the extent of the rising was most imperfect—a fact not acknowledged in the despatches, but it is virtually the case that our people were taken by surprise. True, the Hindoos of Kabul frequently warned us that a mighty gathering was going on, and even besought our officers that reinforcements should be hurried up from India. But these warnings were disregarded, and when no longer any doubt remained that hostilities were indeed about to be resumed, the General did not hesitate to send out, miles away from Sherpur, two weak detachments that were to "break the combination before it came to a head." These left camp upon the 8th and 9th of December, and almost immediately encountered the enemy. And now comes the question that military men ask, but to which as yet there has been no reply. Granting that General Roberts was misled by his spies, how is it that the cavalry did not discover and search out the large bodies of hostile men who it is now known were gathered in every quarter: in front, in rear, and on both flanks of our two columns? British generals do not appear to have as yet realised the proper duties which ought to be entrusted to the splendid horsemen they have at command, for that there is a want of dash in the performance of cavalry reconnaissances is certainly not the fault of the officers and men. And so Generals Baker and Macpherson blundered and floundered about the valleys beyond the Kabul hills unconscious of the danger which had now become imminent, for Sherpur was well nigh denuded of troops. On the 11th of December the horse artillery and cavalry were directed to move out and reinforce General Macpherson in Argandeh, where he was wondering about in an unsuccessful attempt to grapple with the enemy who had slipped past him to the number of 10,000 men in full march for Kabul itself. These General Massy encountered, and the result discovered to General Roberts for the first time that he had now to deal with different men from the defenders of the Peiwar K

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.)

ABDUL WAHAB AND THE WARDAKS.

ALLAHABAD, MARCH 19.

KABUL, March 16.—Abdul Wahab has arrived at Argandeh to join the Wardaks. The people of Argandeh are beginning to move their property to the hills.

Mahomed Hossein Khan will march from Patkacirogan in a few days with two regiments of infantry, two hundred cavalry, and two guns.

MAHOMED JAN'S ATTACK.

It is the general belief that Mahomed Jan will attack at the time specified.

THE LUGHMAN VALLEY.

JALLALABAD, March 17.—The force in the Lughman Valley has been withdrawn, a portion moving up to Safed Sung and the remainder returning to Jallalabad.

ASMATULLAH KHAN'S FORT.

Asmatullah Khan's fort has been left intact. It can, if necessary, be destroyed any time as there are three routes available for the passage of troops to the Lughman Valley, *viz*:—by Darranta gorge, by Sei Baba, and by Jagdalak.

CONVOYS FOR KABUL.

Several large convoys of transport animals have passed through Jallalabad for Kabul.

THE SAFIS.

No news has been received of the movements of the Safis near Sei Baba.

Captain Warburton, who accompanied Mr. Lepel Griffin to Safed Sung, has returned.

A CONTRADICTION.

The report of the marriage of Hyat Khan, our Political Assistant, with the widow of Bukiyar Khan, is stated to be incorrect.

[REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.]

(By Red Sea Cable.)

THE TEKKE TURCOMAN EXPEDITION.

ST. PETERSBURG, MARCH 18.

General Skobeloff starts next Tuesday to take command of the expedition against the Tekke Turcomans.

THE ATTEMPT ON THE CZAR'S LIFE AT MOSCOW.

PARIS, MARCH 18.

Hartmann has confessed that he was the principal author of the late attempt to blow up the Czar's train at Moscow, and says that he is now going to America.

DISTURBANCES AT SMYRNA.

CONSTANTINOPLE, MARCH 18.

Disturbances have broken out at Smyrna between the Mussulmans and Christians, and all the Consuls there have summoned their respective war vessels to the spot.

STEAMER MOVEMENT.

ADEN, MARCH 18.

The B. I. S. N. Company's steamer Chyebassa, outward bound for Calcutta, Madras and Colombo, left here yesterday.

LONDON, MARCH 19, AFT.

The Liverpool Cotton market closed unchanged, Surats quiet.

The London Cotton market has been dull.

Fair Dhollera	5¼.
The Manchester market has been dull.	
Exchange on India, 60 days' sight	1-8
4 per cent. Rupee Paper	78½
4½ per cent. do.	84½
3 per cent. Consols for account	98
5 per cent. French Rente, 1872	117
Bar Silver	52 3-16
Orient:' Bank Shares	£22.
Hongkong and Shanghai	£36 10s.

The Bank of England Returns for the week ending yesterday show the following results :—

Reserve of Notes	£16,200,000	Inc. £500,000
Bills Discounted	£22,600,000	Inc. £1,500,000
Bullion	£29,000,000	Inc. £400,000

The proportion of the Reserve to the Liabilities is 48 13-16 per cent.

The sum of about £150,000 has been paid into the Bank of England.

A NUMBER of communications—including some from "Our Political Orphan" and from "A Subaltern"—are unavoidably kept over through the pressure on our space.

A SALUTE of 17 guns was fired yesterday by the French man-of-war Bisson, on the occasion of the Hon'ble Mr. Ashburner, the acting Governor, visiting that vessel.

OUR London correspondent writes that the *London Gazette* had not been issued when the post closed.

MR. W. W. LOCH, Bombay Civil Service, Assistant Collector, Surat, has been appointed to act as tutor to the Gaekwar of Baroda during the absence of Mr. Elliot, C.S., on leave.

SURGEON-MAJOR JAMES MACNABB CUNNINGHAM, the present Sanitary Commissioner with the Government of India, has been appointed Surgeon General in succession to Dr. Beatson.

THE Lahore paper is curious to know the results of the labours of the Defence Committee which sat at Simla for many months last year, and which elaborated a great many plans, towards the accomplishment of which we have seen no outward and visible sign.

THE decision of the Marine Court which has been sitting in Bombay to inquire into the circumstances attending the loss of the Vingorla was given yesterday. The Court finds that, notwithstanding a protracted and searching investigation, there is absolutely no evidence to enable the Court to come to a decision as to the cause of the foundering of the steamer, and in the absence of the evidence of the captain, the three engineers, and the clerk, who were drowned, the Court finds it also impossible to arrive at a conclusion respecting the measures adopted to save the vessel from her perilous position. But attention is drawn to the fact that no attention appears to have been paid to the fixed load line. The Court considers that an additional bulkhead is required in vessels of the Vingorla's class, and is of opinion that had she been supplied with such a bulkhead she would probably not have been lost. The Court also points out that an alteration is required of the Government rules regarding the boat accommodation of passenger steamers, the result of the provisions at present in force being that there were no means whatever, in respect of boats or other appliances, for saving the lives of the Vingorla's deck passengers, and on which account seventy-five lives were lost. The decision concludes with a tribute to the "heroic conduct of Captain Stuart, Chief Engineer Byrnes, the second and third engineers, Messrs. Wood and Wilden, and the clerk, Mr. Mowbray, who unfortunately lost their lives while doing their duty."

THE adjourned meeting of the Town Council for the consideration of the Malabar Hill reservoir contract was held yesterday afternoon. Mr. Rahimtoola Mahomed Sayani stated that on further consideration of the subject, and owing to further information upon which had been brought to his notice since the last meeting, he felt that the amendment he then seconded would not meet the requirements of the case. He therefore asked Mr. Dosabhoy Framjee, the mover of the amendment, if he was disposed to withdraw it. Mr. Dosabhoy Framjee replied in the negative. Mr. Raghunath Narayen Khote expressed his intention of voting for the amendment and then, watching his opportunity, vote for another amendment which would be less severe on the Executive Engineer. Rao Saheb Vishwanath Naráyen Mandlik, in an address which occupied an hour in delivery, referred *seriatim* to a number of points in the various reports before the Council to show that the Executive Engineer had been guilty of great carelessness and neglect, and therefore on that account the proposition, which he (the Rao Saheb) had moved at the last meeting, should be carried by the Council. On the amendment being put by the Chairman, seven members of the Council voted in favour of it, and three against. Mr. Nanabhoy Byramjee Jeejeebhoy then moved another amendment to the effect that the views of the Municipal Commissioner with regard to the Executive Engineer's conduct, as expressed in the report presented to the Council, be officially communicated to the Executive Engineer as the views of the Council. Sir F. Forbes seconded the amendment, and the Council then adjourned until Tuesday at two o'clock.

A MEETING of the principal Mahomedan inhabitants of Bombay is to be held to-morrow (Sunday) under the auspices of the Anjuman-i-Islam, for the purpose of carrying into effect the terms of the resolution of Government on the subject of Ma[illegible]tion in Bombay. The effect of this [illegible]ich we publish in another colu[illegible]ntially stated in our issue of Tu[illegible]vernment expect the Anjuman to [illegible]g in its power to raise subscripti[illegible] proposed school. We have alread[illegible]r belief that the Mahomedans as a body will loyally come forward to assist the Anjuman in its efforts to improve their social and moral position in this Presidency. We wish the movement all success.

THE latest communication on the subject of the mail's departure is the following, received yesterday :—From the result of the Conference between the Director General of Post Offices and the Bombay Chamber of Commerce, regarding the hour and day of departure of the mail steamer from Bombay was that the Chamber of Commerce, Bombay, proposed that the mail steamer should leave Bombay at 7 p. m. on Saturdays, until the 1st of June, and from that date until the end of the year at 2-30 p. m. This proposal has met with the approval of the Director General of the Post Office of India and the Government of India, and the change will be carried into effect commencing with the steamer timed to leave Bombay on the 5th June. Meanwhile from a communication which has been kindly placed at our disposal, and which appears elsewhere, it will be seen that a memorial in support of Bombay's prayer for an alteration of the mail departure day from Saturday to Friday has been submitted to the Postmaster General (Lord John Manners) by the Dundee Chamber of Commerce. The deputation who presented the memorial were informed that the matter rested with the Indian Government, but their petition would enable the Postmaster General to press on the Indian authorities a reform which he had long considered necessary.

A CORRESPONDENT of the *Madras Times*, writing from Wynaad on the 14th inst., says that from what he can gather the prospects of the gold mining companies seem to be most promising, and the people there are greatly encouraged by noticing from telegrams and other authentic sources that the mines are regarded as valuable and worthy of European consideration.

THE Lahore paper comments upon the absence from the Afghan correspondence Blue Book of the latest telegrams and letters from Sir Louis Cavagnari, and observes that when the Government resolved to publish the correspondence, it must have been with the view of enlightening the public and enabling it to form a judgment on the policy pursued ; and the suppression of a material portion of the evidence is calculated only to produce an impression of insincerity and of blunders which it has been found necessary to conceal.

TOUCHING the abolition of the military civilian as contemplated in the Army Commission's report, the *Pioneer* observes that the change is one of those which recommend themselves on the surface to all newcomers ; but there is more to be said against it than is perceptible at the first glance. The old idea at the root of the present system was that the country gained, in two ways, by the employment of military officers in civil work. Good, mature men were thus made available for appointment to administrative posts, and the country retained the presence of a greater number of officers than it would have had otherwise, in the event of any sudden emergency. Further many good men whom it might be very desirable to utilize for administrative work for a time, would not take up any appointment outside their professional duties, if that were to mean the final abandonment of the soldier's career. It would be a mistake for readers of the new report, who may not have thought over the problems dealt with, to suppose that even the anomalies of the military civil service are so destitute of a rational basis that they must necessarily fall at the first sound of a trumpet.

THE *Civil and Military Gazette* says it would be a good idea to enlist men of the Hazara tribes between Kabul and Herat for service in Afghanistan. In the first place, the Hazaras have shown a friendly disposition to the English occupants of the country. In the second place the difficulty of recruiting in India still continues ; and though we are evidently entering into the really serious part of our work in Central Asia, the strength of the Indian army is little if at all, in excess of what it was six months ago, Afghans hate each other, as much as they hate the Sikhs ; and to subdue Afghans by Afghans would only be the repetition of the method by which India was won. Some of the very worst Afghans have worked like English navvies, for the invader's rupees, and on the like condition they would no doubt fight our enemies with equal cheerfulness and alacrity. If ever we are compelled to interfere in Persia, we may find our Afghan levies extremely useful : especially as the Persians, by all accounts, furnish very indifferent fighting material.

THE editor of the *Gujarat Samachar*, a Surat paper, who was sentenced recently by the local Assistant Judge to pay a fine of Rs. 200 and undergo three months' imprisonment, on a charge of defamation, has filed an appeal in the court of the District Judge. He has been liberated on bail pending the decision of the appeal.

A LONG case reports of the proceedings in which have appeared in the London papers of the past three weeks under the heading "Great Forgery Case," closed so far as the police court inquiry is concerned, on Feb. 27th. The chief allegation against the prisoner, a licensed victualler, named William Henry Walter, was that of forging a Bank of England cheque ; altering the figures on it from £1-9s-6d. to £90-10s. There were also charges of forgeries on Scott's Bank and the Post Office. The prisoner pleaded guilty, and was committed for trial.

AGITATION of a somewhat strange nature, the latest home papers inform us, prevails in St. Petersburg. Placards, as already stated, have been posted up announcing fresh catastrophes for the 3rd of March. The inhabitants are exasperated at these outrages and at the commercial and social derangement caused by them, and are beginning to attribute to the students all the menaces and crimes by which Russia has of late been troubled. These last placards they believe emanate likewise from the students. Menaces are consequently breaking out on all sides against the students, and the inhabitants affirm that if any crimes are committed on the 3rd of March they will hold the students responsible, will burn down the University and all connected with it, and will lynch every student who may fall into their hands. By a strange turn of events, therefore, the Government is now forced to take measures for protecting the students from the fury of the population in the event of any outrage occurring on the Emperor's *fête*.

THE alleged plot against the life of the Sultan, according to the latest editions of the London papers, promises to turn out nothing of the sort. A telegram dated "Constantinople, Feb. 26, evening," states that from inquiries made by the authorities, it would appear that Papadopoulo, never had any intention of attempting the life of the Sultan, but it seems probable that the shells discovered in his house were placed there by his brother Aristarchi with the object of extorting money and causing a family quarrel.

A RUSSIAN, named Hartmann, has been arrested in Paris who is suspected of being the owner of the house near Moscow from which the mine was laid to blow up the Imperial train. There is no extradition treaty between France and Russia, but it was stated that should there be reasonable proof of Hartmann's complicity in the Moscow plot, the French Government and not hesitate to give him up as a common murderer. As the telegraph has informed us, however, Hartmann has not been given up, and the Russian Ambassador has, therefore, been withdrawn from Paris.

VERA SASSULITCH has been arrested at St. Petersburg. A telegram received in London on the day the mail left states, on the authority of the *St. Petersburg Gazette* that Vera Sassulitch, who lately returned to St. Petersburg, and for whom the police have been searching for several days past, has been arrested at the residence of one of her friends in the capital. It is added that the Swiss police were the first to give information to the Russian authorities of the departure of Vera Sassulitch for St. Petersburg.

THERE has been some correspondence in *Vanity Fair* with reference to the troops in Afghanistan. That journal states that it is fully authorised to declare that the Afghans dug up and dishonoured Major Smith's grave at Khelat-i-Ghilzai; that they dug up the graves of many Goorkhas at Kandahar ; that salt and *dal* medically pronounced unfit for human food have been served out ; that the Goorkhas have each been charged 6 rupees 12 annas a piece, or nearly a month's pay for their English boots ; that firewood has been refused to the native troops, while it has been given to the Europeans ; that numbers of sick men of the Goorkhas were turned out of hospital at Kandahar just before the cholera outbreak, against the strong protest of the regimental surgeon, and that several of these men died almost immediately afterwards of cholera. If these serious charges have any truth in them a very searching enquiry should be made at once and explanation should be called for.

A WRITER in *Truth* states positively in the number of that journal, dated February 26th, that Sir James Fergusson of Kilkerran would be the Tory candidate for North Ayrshire, and that the seat would be sharply contested by the Liberals. This is one of the many bad guesses *Truth* has made of late.

ONE of the society papers says there never has been the vaguest foundat on for the rumour that Sir Henry Norman was to be appointed Commander-in-Chief in Madras, and there is but little chance of his obtaining any appointment under the present administration, as his article in the *Fortnightly Review* some months back on the Afghan question simply dammed him in their eyes, and he (Sir Henry) has, moreover, been a most uncompromising opponent of the Madras army, advocated its abolition and denounced its inutility.

MR. HARRISON has contributed another article to the *Fortnightly Review*, reiterating the charges he brought against Sir Frederick Roberts.

IT is stated in the *Whitehall Review* that Lord Norton was offered the Governorship of Bombay, but was obliged to refuse it.

IT is said that the Lords of the Treasury propose to issue a one dollar note currency in the Strait Settlements. Public opinion there is not favourable to the proposal.

MR. RAJENDRALALA MITRA ON THE AJANTA PAINTINGS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "BOMBAY GAZETTE."

SIR,—I request the favour of your publishing the following remarks on a letter from Mr. Burgess, printed in your issue of the 17th inst.

It is a pity Mr. Burgess has thought fit to write on a subject of which he has not the necessary materials at hand to see its bearings. Had he waited for three weeks or so he would have got the new number of the Royal Asiatic Society's Journal which contains my paper, and been placed in a better position to comment on it.

In his second paragraph Mr. Burgess agrees with me in thinking that the figures in conical capsin the Ajanta frescoes are Persians. He "had long ago recognised them as Iranians ; no one could fail to do so." This is a close repetition of the language which Mr. Fergusson used a year ago, when he said : "Like every one else, probably, who saw them, I arrived at the conclusion that they were Persians." No one, however, published the fact until long after I did so. Mr. Burgess adds, 'as to the Bactrian drunkards, I am not sure that the case is beyond dispute." Mr. Fergusson, however, had "disputed" that point a year ago, in his paper on "The Portrait of Chosroes II," and Mr. Burgess, probably, had a short copy of it before him when he wrote his letter. Mr. Fergusson took the Bactrians to be Persians, and my paper was written to controvert that assumption. As Mr. Burgess, however, has not thought fit to discuss that question, I shall not notice it further here.

Regarding the age of the caves, to which Mr. Burgess has confined himself, I have to observe that the principle he has laid down for his guidance, taken literally and by itself, is wrong, and his conclusions founded thereon, are, therefore, inconclusive. His principle, in the fewest words, is that simplicity bespeaks antiquity and ornamentation modernity. His own words are : "Almost in the middle of the series, and at a much lower level than the rest, are four or five caves of quite a different type and evidently of greater age than the others." They "are without shrines or images, without pillars in the halls, and with stone beds in the cells." "All the other caves at Ajanta are of quite a different type ; the severe plain style of the first group had gone out of fashion when they were excavated, and pillars, pilasters and friezes are carved with a luxuriance and variety of the most beautiful ornamentation that sets description at defiance." If this principle be admitted, it would logically follow that the plain modern dwellings of Greece are more ancient than the Parthenon with its pillars, freizes and images. In Bombay all the notable buildings are of about the same age, and do not afford any marked contrast, still the principle worked to its legitimate conclusion would make the latest spinning mill built last year to be considerably older than the Secretariat building and the Rajabhai Tower. Mr. Burgess may not be disposed to accept my logic, which he has somewhere described as "curious," but I know he will for reasons which I need not refer to, at once bow to the opinion of Mr. Fergusson ; and here it is. In the comment on my paper, he says :—"The rails at Buddha Gaya, and Bharhut, and the caves at Udayagiri and Pitilkhora, are amongst the oldest the most elaborate, and most ornate specimens of art yet discovered, but these were succeeded by many of almost Doric simplicity. As it happens, it is quite true that the earliest caves at Ajanta, and generally in the West, are the plainest and least ornamented, but that is not a consequence of their age, but because they belonged to a sect remarkable for its puritanical asceticism. On the Eastern side of India, the conditions were reversed. At Buddha Gaya, Bharhut, and Udayagiri, the contemporary structures, if not the most richly ornamented, were at least as much so as any that succeeded them. In fact, in so far as anything I have ever written on the subject is concerned, there is not one single paragraph in any work of mine that can be tortured into the expression of a belief, on my part that greater or less richness of ornamentation is a test of age." Under the principle enunciated the structures of "Doric simplicity" should be anterior to "the most elaborate and the most ornate." The fact is the principle is a trite axiom when the history of mankind from the earliest ages to the present time is taken into consideration, but it breaks down when we attempt to work it out for a particular period, of the history of which we are not thoroughly acquainted No one is acquainted with the history of the caves, and the principle cannot be brought to bear upon them with any prospect of arriving at the truth.

I look upon paleographic evidence as of much greater value for the settlement of dates than the relative amount of ornamentation. I believe Mr. Burgess is not a reader of inscriptions—at least I do not remember having seen any translated by him. He has, however, as Government Archæological Surveyor had to collect many, and to notice more. He adverts to some of them, but not in a manner to show that he has carefully studied them. The two oldest caves of the group, according to Mr. Burgess, date "one from the 2nd century and the other possibly earlier." Now, Caves Nos. XII and IX to which, I fancy, he refers, have inscriptions in the Latin character, which, antiquaries are unanimously of opinion, existed in its integrity to the close of the third century; B.C., but changed in the following century to something different. No one at any rate has yet seen any record in the Latin character which dates from after the commencement of the Christian era. It must follow that those caves must be much older than the dates assigned them by Mr. Burgess.

There are inscriptions in the other caves, and most of them are in what is called the cave character, and also in character similar to what James Prinsep assigns to the 2nd century A.D. Mr. Burgess holds that the two characters are identically the same with that of the Girnar inscriptions, and I am not the one to deny this, and having devoted over thirty years of my life to reading Indian inscriptions, I imagine your readers will concede to me greater claim to experience than to Mr. Burgess who has probably never translated one in his life. Conceding, however, for the sake of argument, and not as a fact, that they are the same, it does not follow that all buildings where inscriptions in that character occur must be of the 6th century. Character, like languages, gradually change, and it takes centuries for one form of letters to pass to a different on markedly different type. James Prinsep found the characters Nos. 5 and 6 in records of the 2nd century, and Mr. Burgess has found them in those of the 6th century, and these facts would give us a range of well-nigh five hundred years to move about, and it is quite illogical, if not mere dogmatism, to say the last must be the accepted date. It is worthy of note, too, that the inscriptions appealed to do not, with three exceptions, refer to the excavation of the caves, but to gifts made in them. In the Badami inscription the purport of the record is the gift of a village to a Brahmin. At Puri there is an inscription on the jamb of the temple-door, and it records that a certain king, who lived three centuries after the erection of the temple, remitted the customs duty on salt and cowriesfor it. In my work on Buddha Gaya I have shown at length that inscriptions recording gifts (*dana*) have nothing to do with the edifices on which they appear. They bear a close relation to English mural tablets erected in churches and public buildings "to the memory of so and so," and the latter certainly do not give the date of the buildings in which they occur. Under these circumstances Mr. Burgess' appeal to palæography carries no more weight than his first argument.

In my paper I referred to inscriptions in Cave No. 1 on which I based my argument. Mr. Fergusson, to contradict it, telegraphed to Mr. Burgess, whose reply was, "there is no inscription in Cave No. I." Mr. Fergusson thereupon exultingly remarked, "where are they to be found ?" My reply is in plate facing page 64, Volume VII. of Bombay Asiatic Society's Journal, Dr. Bhau Daji published them, and by denying their existence, Mr. Burgess charges the late learned doctor of forgery. It is possible that the inscriptions, which were painted on, have been effaced since the time the doctor copied them, but that they did exist once none will dare to deny who has any respect for the honesty of the late doctor, and the evidence recorded by him is quite sufficient for my purpose.

Mr. Burgess refers to the Mahyana school which he says flourished in the 5th century, and as they excavated the caves, their works cannot be older. He will refer to Hodgson's essays on Buddhism, to Beal's 'Tripithaka,' and to the illustrations in Cunningham's 'Bharhut,' he will find that the school in question flourished from before the commencement of the Christian era, and he leans therefore on a broken reed.

Mr. Burgess may feel quite convinced that all the painting in the five great chaityas No. I, II, VI, XVI and XVII, belongs to the century between 550 and 650 A. D." but in the republic of letters people prefer proofs to individual convictions, and the proofs hitherto afforded by Mr. Burgess and his colleague are not, as I have shown above, sufficient to convince those who are not disposed to accept such things on trust. Historical priestcraft is a great deal more insufferable than religious exacthedraism.

RAJENDRALALA MITRA.

8, Maniktollah, Calcutta, Feb. 29.

THE WAR.

THE latest news from Kohistan and the Koh-i-Damun received by the Lahore paper through its Persian correspondent at Kabul confirms the report of a large force of lately disbanded Afghan regiments and Ghazis having been assembled at Istalif under Mir Saiad Jan. He is, moreover, continually strengthened by additional levies sent to him by the principal khans of the district, and the gathering, which is one of avowed hostility to the British, already numbers several thousand men. Meer Khoja Jan and Meer Goolam Hyder, sons of Golam Jan, are at Kara Bagh with a large force of insurgents, and are collecting revenue and supplies. To representations made by some of the less determined Sirdars to Meer Saiad Jan that he should postpone an attack on the British till his force is grown much large than at present, he is saidto have replied that he fights for Islam against the invading unbeliever and therefore must prevail. Fanaticism is of course a powerful factor in the hostile movement in Afghanistan, and until it has been cooled by defeat, there can be no doubt it will serve to prolong the war. A spring campaign may be considered a certain contingency. Defensive preparations at Kabul are still pressed on with vigour, and guns have been placed in position on the Balaburj in the Bala Hissar and on the summit of the Shere Dehana hill.

BOMBAY.

TO-DAY.

Gaiety Theatre, "Box and Cox," 9 p.m. ; "Orpheus and Eurydice," 9-45 p.m.

Wilson's Circus, Cruickshank Road, 4 p.m. and 9 p.m.

Governor's Band, Ladies' Gymkhana, Malabar Hill, 5-45 p.m.

Cricket Match—Parsees *vs.* 2-11th Regiment—opposite Gymkhana, 10-30 a.m.

VESSELS ARRIVED.—The following vessels arrived yesterday :—Chilka (s.), from Kurrachee ; Arrow (s.), Jamnuggur ; Chanda (s.), Calcutta ; Singapore (s.), Genoa ; Hoogly, Liverpool ; I. G. Dalhousie, Kurrachee.

VESSELS SAILED.—The following vessels sailed yesterday :—Assam (s.), for Melbourne ; Oorun (s.), Coast and Calcutta.

FIRE AT A COTTON PRESS.—A fire occurred the other day in the press house of Messrs, Ralli Brothers at Sheganum. There does not appear to have been much damage done.

CRIMINAL BREACH OF TRUST.—Hajee Abdool Carreem Ismail was yesterday convicted by Mr. Nana Morojee on three separate charges of criminal breach of trust in respect of one silver and two brass watches. He was sentenced to six months' rigorous imprisonment.

A REFRACTORY SEAMAN.—Thomas Kempley, a seaman of the British ship Centurion, was yesterday convicted by Mr. C. P. Cooper of wilful disobedience in refusing to do duty on board that ship, of which he is an articled seaman. He was sentenced to pay a fine of two days' pay and the cost of the prosecution, and was further ordered to be sent back on board his vessel.

GOVERNORS' BAND AT THE LADIES' GYMKHANA.—The following programme of music will be played by H. E. the Governor's Band at the Ladies' Gymkhana, Malabar Hill, this evening at 5-45 :—

Polka	Trotzkopfchen	Faust.
Duet	I Brigandi	Mercadante.
Valse	Love Lost	Muller.
Aria	Lucia de Lammermoor	Donizetti.
Selection	Les Pres St. Gervais	Lecocq.
Galop	The Hermit's Bells	Maillard.

DISTRICT POLICE.—Some changes are about to take place in the Police Department. We hear that Major Wise goes to Sattara as Acting Superintendent. The appointment will commend itself to universal approval, as Sirdars no district more needs such an officer as Major Wise at the present time than Sattara ; his presence there will inspire confidence in the community at Mahableshwar. Mr. Adams, we also hear, goes to Sholapore as Superintendent. This appointment will give general satisfaction. We trust Major Brown will be confirmed in the appointment of Superintendent of Railway Police, as during the time he has been acting he has brought great energy and wisdom into the appointment. The Railway Police are looking unusually smart and seem to be wider awake than ever.—*Deccan Herald*

CRICKET.

TAKING advantage of their *Jamshed-i-Nauroz* holiday the Parsee Cricket Club will play their return match to-day with the 2-11th Regiment. It must be remembered that in the first match the regiment had scored 137 and 17 for 4 wickets, while the Parsee Club had scored 120 runs in their only innings. This time the Parsee Club will be represented by a stronger team. Play commences at 10-30 a. m. sharp, and it is hoped that players on both sides will observe strict punctuality so as to bring a termination to the match by the evening. The following are the names of the Parsee players :—

R. J. Kapadia,
D. J. Tata.
A. C. Major.
D. P. Banajee.
B. Bhimjibhoy.
P. J. Master.
A. R. Libbuwalla,
R. F. Kartruck,
H. H Reporter.
P. C. Major.
J. D. Pochkhana.

THE GOVERNMENT GRANT TOWARDS MAHOMEDAN EDUCATION.

Read Memorial by the Anjuman-i-Islam of Bombay, regarding the education of Mahomedans in the City.

RESOLUTION.—His Excellency the Governor in Council having had the advantage of discussing the question of education for Mahomedan youths with some of the leading Mahomedans of Bombay, is glad of an opportunity of placing on record his anxious desire to support the highly commendable wishes of the Anjuman-i-Islam. He is prepared therefore to guarantee a monthly grant of Rs. 500 towards the expense of the school proposed to be instituted. But as regards the formation of the school, His Excellency in Council prefers that every thing should be arranged and provided for by the Anjuman-i-Islam, the connexion of Government with the school being represented by the monthly grant of Rs. 500 and the half yearly examination of the school by its educational officers.

2. The Anjuman are expected by Government to do their utmost to raise subscriptions in aid of this institution. His Excellency in Council is assured that they will fulfil this expectation, and that they will apply the fund thus raised by them in such [illegible] purposes in the manner that shall be most efficacious and acceptable to the Mahomedan community.

3. It must of course be understood that the continuance of the monthly grant is contingent on he half yearly report of the education[illegible] officers, that the school is properly conducted and efficiently maintained.

J. R. NAYLOR,
Acting Chief Secretary to Government.

Educational Department, Bombay Castle, 15th March 1880.

WILSON'S CIRCUS.

HIS EXCELLENCY the acting Governor of Bombay has been pleased to accord his patronage to Mr. Wilson's Circus Company, and the Hon'ble Mr. Ashburner and others saw last night must have clearly demonstrated the high-class character of the artistes and the special merits of the entertainment that is daily provided for the pleasure-seeking portion of the public. The best circus companies that visited Bombay within the last thirty years live still in the memories of the oldest inhabitants. Professor Hillier's company, which performed here about 1851, is believed to have been the first of the kind that came to Bombay. Next in order of merit was the company brought out a few years later by Mons. Jourdan and Mons. Ducro. In the period intervening between the departure of these two companies, [the transcendent excellence of whose performances has not yet been forgotten] and the first arrival of Mr. Wilson's, several companies of lesser note have visited the city and have passed out of memory. Mr. Wilson's company has always shown its title, but takes the first rank among its contemporaries. He selects his artistes with a lofty conception of his profession, and commands success amongst us year after year. Those who visit his pavilion leave with delight on the exhibitions of human and equine skill and ingenuity that are daily witnessed there. The drawing-room entertainment and acrobating gone through by the Walhalla Brothers cannot fail to elicit admiration. The grand Polish entrée by the ladies and gentlemen of last season, mounted on horseback, led by Herr Max Schumann, is a sight which no one fond of a military show could look on without a rapture. The feats of Nathan Jackley, who thinks it child's play to jump off a height of some thirty feet in a shower of summersaults, display a strength and tension of muscle wonderful to behold. No admirer of horse flesh could view without a thrill of joy the procession and evolutions and dances of the "four beautiful Arab horses" trained and introduced by Herr Max Schumann. And who could restrain his curiosity after being told that, if ever a "boneless" man existed in creation, he is to be seen there at Wilson's Circus—young Garnet ? But we need not be multiplying instances of the wonderful things to be seen in Mr. Wilson's pavilion, which is the duty of every one to go and see for himself or herself.

THE MAIL DAY QUESTION.

[Copy.]

The Hon'ble Mangaldas Mowa', Bombay.

Dear Sir,—On receipt of the Bombay Memorial to Postmaster General, urging the departure of the mails from Bombay on Friday instead of Saturday, I put the same into the hands of the President of the Chamber of Commerce. I enclose a copy of the petition of the merchants of this city to Lord John Manners, and from his reply to the deputation you will observe that the matter rests with the Indian Government.—Yours, &c.

DAVID RITCHIE,

Tayport, Dundee, Feb. 26, 1880.

The following is the extract referred to in the above letter :—

The following Memorial was presented yesterday to the Right Hon. Lord John Manners, M P, Her Majesty's Postmaster-General, by a deputation from the Dundee Chamber of Commerce, consisting of Mr Alex Scott and Mr Geo Halley, President and Vice President of the Chamber, and Mr David Bruce. The Right Hon W E Baxter, M P, and Mr Jas Yeaman, M P, introduced the deputation, which was received in private :—

To the Right Hon. Lord John Manners, MP,
Her Majesty's Postmaster-General.

We, the undersigned merchants, &c., in Dundee, being deeply interested in trade connected with the East Indies beg respectfully to bring the following matter to your Lordship's notice. At present letters from India do not reach Dundee until Friday; while correspondence for the outgoing mail cannot be posted on the previous day—viz., Thursday—thus causing a whole week to elapse before a reply can be sent to any communication, and we trust that your Lordship may be able without any injury to the public generally to remedy this hardship remedied.

We respectfully take the liberty of pointing out to your Lordship that by fixing the departure of the mail from Bombay on Friday evening, in place of Saturday, letters would reach London on Wednesday and Scotland on Thursday, and thus, while affording us only a short time for replying, would allow us to answer correspondence in time for the outgoing mail from London on Friday, giving the advantage of writing at once, instead of waiting a whole week as at present.

We respectfully trust your Lordship will take this statement into your Lordship's favourable consideration.

Gilroy, Sons & Co	Gibson, Robertson, & Co
Thomson, Shepherd, & Co	John Sharp
Cox Brothers	D R Dawson
Hammond, Lake & Co	B B Cuthbertson & Co
Baxter Brothers & Co	Hill & Renny
Don Brothers, Buist & Co	W Young
J & A D Grimond	Allan Edward & Co
Andrew & James Adie	Peter Mathew
Alexander Henderson	David Ritchie
Douglas, Reid & Co	M & C Hill
A & J Nicoll	A B Lyall & Co
Wyburgh Brothers	David Bruce & Co
Malcolm, Clark, & Co	George Alves
Ewen, Cousin & Co	[illegible] Chaplin
James Murison	[illegible]mercer
Boase & Mudie	Alexander
David Petrie	of the [illegible]
William Broudace	of Commerce

The Postmaster-General said the matter [illegible] the Indian Government, and that the memorial would be laid on to press on the Indian authorities the reform which he had long considered necessary.

IRISH RELIEF FUND.

THE following telegram has been received by the Secretaries of the Bombay Relief Committee :—

From LORD MAYOR, Dublin, to the Irish Relief Committee.

"On Patrick's day, Ireland thanks you."

AT the Girgaum Church, on the 29th February, a collection for the Irish Relief Fund was made. A sum of Rs. 371-12 was collected, which has been paid by the Rev. H. C. Squires into the Bombay Bank.

A MEETING was held on the 12th instant, at the Public Rooms in Trichinopoly, for the purpose of raising a subscription towards the Irish Famine Relief Fund. At the close of the meeting a subscription book was sent round, and the sum of about Rs. 2,000 subscribed on the spot.

THE following additional subscriptions have been paid into the Bank of Bombay up to the evening of the 13th inst :—

Amount carried forward	44,946	4 2	J G Smith	20	0 0
Ludha Ebrahim and Co.	100	0 0	J Crummey	10	0 0
P T Gomes	25	0 0	Harry Brewin : Thos G Sweeney	10	0 0
Amount collected by J F Fernandez, Hazoor Deputy Collector, Ahmedabad, as follows :—			Thos McGuire	5	0 0
			Jas Killeen	5	0 0
			W Whitaker	5	0 0
			Jas Dillon	5	0 0
Lieut Macdonald, Asst Commissary of Ordnance	5	0 0	W R Jones	5	0 0
			J Ralph	5	0 0
			J MacDermott	5	0 0
Rao Bahadur Eduljee Dossabhoy	10	0 0	Abdool Ally, K B	5	0 0
Balnarayen Goverenarayen	2	0 0	Dajee Gungajee, R B	5	0 0
			Thos Chisletti	4	0 0
			Framjee Bhicajee	3	0 0
			F Mahon	2	0 0
			J Munday	2	0 0
			F Meehon	2	0 0
Madhavlal Runchorelal	25	0 0	W Boorer	2	0 0
			J Ziller	2	0 0
Asst Surg J D Kambhata	7	0 0	W Whitten	2	0 0
			B Raymond	1	0 0
Asst Surg D G Subnis	7	0 0	J E M	2	0 0
			A Phelps	50	0 0
Sayani	5	0 0	J Parker, M D	50	0 0
Jehangerjee Pestonjee Jo	50	0 0	Collections at Kolapore through J
And his employes	20	0 0	Taylor	88	8 0
Govind Ramchandra	2	0 0	Employes of B B & C I Ry—		
Subscriptions received through the Mamletdar of Dholia	337	8 0	Maneckjee Hormusjee	10	0 0
			Pestonjee Muncherjee	10	0 0
Do. by the do. of Sanaud	157	6 0	Merwanjee D	5	0 0
H R Cooke, C S	25	0 0	F Cole	20	0 0
J F Hutchinson	30	0 0	W F Hill	10	0 0
Succaram Narayen	25	0 0	Other small Subscriptions	224	4 0
Eduljee Framjee Reporter	10	0 0	Collections from Traffic Station	58	3 0
			Archdeacon	5	0 0
Employes Assessor's and Coll'r's Dept	38	0 0	Capt A O Walsh	21	0 0
			Maj B E Gowan	100	0 0
Subscriptions collected by G F Sheppard at Kaira as follows :—			S Lennon	5	0 0
			W B Mulock	200	0 0
			Manasukharama Sonjaram	535	0 0
T Little	25	0 0	Lieut Col Kettlewell	10	0 0
H J Duggan	25	0 0	P [illegible] walla, Secy Lodge Cyrus No 1359 E C	50	0 0
R Macaedi	15	0 0	A O Walsh	113	13 0
R M Kennedy	10	0 0	J Elphinstone, Collector of Dharwar	50	0 0

THE AFGHAN DEBATE IN THE LORDS.

In the House of Lords on Friday, Feb. 20, there was a brilliant assemblage of distinguished personages to hear the debate on Afghanistan raised by the Duke of Argyll. The number of Peers in their places was larger on the Ministerial than on the Opposition side. The Prince of Wales, the Duke of Edinburgh, the Duke of Connaught, and the Duke of Cambridge were on the front cross bench. In the Royal gallery were Prince Leopold, the Princess of Wales, Princess Beatrice, the Duchess of Connaught, and the Duke and Duchess of Teck. The Peeress's gallery was filled, and in the Strangers' gallery there was not even standing room. The spaces in front of the throne and outside the bar were much crowded.

The Duke of Argyll, from the opening of his speech, proceeded to attack the policy of Her Majesty's Government in reference to the kingdom of Afghanistan. He conceived the Ministerial reasons for that policy to be—first, the danger of Russian advance; secondly, the growing hostility of the late Ameer; and thirdly, the policy of the late Government. He took issue with Ministers on the second proposition. The great advance of Russia were made between the years 1864 and 1869; and there was not a shadow of truth in the allegation that any changes to Russian advance had occurred between the time when Lord Mayo made his promise to the Ameer and that at which Lord Northbrook was Viceroy under the late Administration. He then proceeded to argue, on the authority of papers printed in the Blue book, that the late Government had promised quite as much to Shere Ali as the present Government had to Yakub Khan; but what Shere Ali had always striven for was that this country should give him an unconditional guarantee. He acquitted Lord Cranbrook of any intentional unfairness; but the noble viscount drew up a most misleading despatch, on which Ministerial candidates all over the country had been making perfectly unfounded charges against the late Government in representing that they had offered nothing to Shere Ali. He attributed this to the circumstance that on assuming the office of Secretary for India, Lord Cranbrook found himself in the hands of a body of Russophobists. If the Ameer had been thrown into the hands of Russia, it was by the conduct of Her Majesty's Government. He believed that had they treated him kindly he would have come round to us. He characterised as "twaddle" the reported words of Yakub Khan, when sitting, with a rope round his neck, in the camp of General Roberts, of his father's hostility towards this country having existed since 1873. In reference to one of Lord Lytton's despatches, accusing Shere Ali of cognetting with Russia, the noble duke quoted the commandment, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour," and he declared that Sir Louis Cavagnari was a victim of the wilful ignorance and of the policy of Her Majesty's Government. Amid cheers he concluded an animated speech, which occupied two hours and twenty minutes in its delivery, by asserting that we had elements of permanent strength in India if we only reverted to the policy of forty years ago, and reversed to that of the present Ministry, which had cast a lasting stain on the honour of the British Crown. Before sitting down he moved for the Russian correspondence found at Kabul.

Lord Cranbrook, who was cheered on rising, proceeded to defend the Government with a vigour fully as marked as that which characterized the attack. He pointed out that practically there was no motion before the House, because the noble duke knew that the Government would not produce the papers which he asked for, and he would not press the motion. The charges which the noble duke urged so strongly that even ngrial ben brought forward before in their lordships' House and decided against him. As to the ridicule thrown by the noble duke on the line of advance, Lord Cranbrook argued that the Russian messengers and missions to Shere Ali could leave no doubt on any man's mind that Russia had put her hand on Afghanistan with the view of making aggressive operations against us in India; but, notwithstanding that, Lord Lytton did everything possible to bring about a satisfactory arrangement with the Ameer without recourse to hostilities. The war had been successful, and Her Majesty's Government believed they could hand over to the Ameer a country he would be able to hold their own. He characterized the attack of the Duke of Argyll on Lord Lytton as unbecoming; and concluded by warmly asserting that Her Majesty's Government had broken no pledges and made no promises which they were not prepared to carry out.

Lord Northbrook insisted that, when Viceroy, he acted simply in using no compulsion to make Shere Ali receive European agents, and contended that since his Viceroyalty compulsion had been used with that end. He condemned the policy of the late war, while he gave our troops, both British and native, the highest credit for the manner in which they performed their duty. He did not think the position of Persia was such as to render it desirable that we should undertake any liabilities on her account. He therefore hoped there would be no arrangement with her to occupy Herat; while at the same time we should continue in the resolution that Herat must never be occupied by Russia.

Lord Hammond pointed out that if Persia occupied Herat, Russia would have a treaty right to establish a consulate there.

Lord Strathnairn pointed out the difficulties of a military occupation of Afghanistan.

Lord Napier of Magdala expressed a hope that we should not withdraw from Afghanistan until we had a safe neighbour there.

Lord Ripon asked for further explanations of policy from Her Majesty's Ministers, whose statements on the subject had varied one from another, and he argued that neither had they acquired a scientific frontier nor secured a friendly and an independent neighbour in Afghanistan.

The Lord Chancellor twitted the Opposition with the "unreality" of the debate. Every one of the quotations cited by the Duke of Argyll that evening were such as, before their lordships during a debate in the Session of 1878, when one of the large majorities known in that House for many years decided against the views of the noble duke which on the present occasion were brought forward for the fourth time. He held that the Government and the late Lord Lawrence were of accord as to the end to be attained with respect to Afghanistan. They differed as to the means, and he asserted with confidence that the means adopted by the Government were less dangerous than those advocated by Lord Lawrence. He regretted that the questions discussed that evening had not been brought forward on a motion which would have tested the opinion of the House.

Lord Granville, in a spirited speech, upheld the position taken by the Duke of Argyll, whose speech, he said, was full of facts. He concurred with the noble duke in charging that Lord Lytton had used threats, and by them had driven the Ameer into the hands of Russia. He said Her Majesty's Ministers contradicted one another every month, and he was stupid enough not to know even at that moment what their policy was. As the Government had stated that they could produce the papers moved for by his noble friend, the noble duke was not going to press his motion. If his noble friend did he could not support him; but he thought that the Government and their supporters had not always shown themselves anxious to prevent the publication of what might create ill feeling between this country and Russia.

Lord Beaconsfield sarcastically observed that the thing which the Duke of Argyll and those who supported him carefully did not do was, take the opinion of the House on the charges which they brought against Her Majesty's Government upon a subject of the very highest importance to the Empire. He did not blame Russia for looking to Central Asia as at a time when war between her and England was regarded as imminent, and when consequently she had to look to every means of embarrassing this country. But then it became the duty of Her Majesty's Government to secure possession of the gates of our great empire of India. That object had been achieved, and he believed we should hold those gates for ever. The Government never had deviated from their policy in this matter. They had acted with consistency arising from a clear conviction of the object to be attained; and he believed that the opinion of the House now remained what an overwhelming majority declared it to be in 1878.

The motion was withdrawn.

THE VICTORIA CROSS.

THE *London Gazette* has the following announcement, dated the War Office, Feb. 23 :—

"The Queen has been graciously pleased to signify her intention to confer the decoration of the Victoria Cross upon the undermentioned non-commissioned officer and men of Her Majesty's Army, whose claims have been submitted for Her Majesty's approval for the gallant conduct displayed by them during the recent operations in South Africa, as recorded against their names :—Colour sergeant Anthony Booth, 80th Foot, for his gallant conduct on the 28th of March, 1879, during the Zulu attack on the Intombi River, in having, when considerably outnumbered by the enemy, rallied a few men on the south bank of the river, and covered the retreat of 50 soldiers and others for a distance of three miles. The officer commanding 80th Regiment reports that had it not been for the coolness displayed by this non-commissioned officer not one man would have escaped. Privates Flawn and Fitzpatrick (94th Foot) in recognition of their gallant conduct during the attack on Escoceni's Town on the 28th of November last, in carrying out of action Lieutenant Dewar, 1st Dragoon Guards, when badly wounded. At the time when he received his wound Lieutenant Dewar had with him only Privates Flawn and Fitzpatrick and six of the Native Contingent, and being incapable of moving without assistance, the natives proceeded to carry him down the hill, when about 30 of the enemy appeared at a point about 40 yards in the rear, whereupon the men of the Native Contingent deserted Lieutenant Dewar, who must have been killed but for the devoted gallantry of Privates Flawn and Fitzpatrick, who carried him alternately, one covering the retreat and firing on the enemy."

THE UNIVERSITY BOAT RACE.

THE Oxford-Cambridge boat race takes place to-day [March 20th.] The following particulars of the condition of two crews, when the mail left, which we take from the *Pall Mall Gazette* of February 27th, will be read with interest :—Both crews are now in racing boats and have settled to training since Ash Wednesday. Since that day Cambridge have been fixed in their respective seats, but just before they entered into training there was considerable shifting of the men. The two heaviest weights, Nimmo, of First Trinity and Roden of Caius—each nearer 14 than 13 stone—were turned out. In their places came two men each a couple of stone lighter—Beillie, of Jesus, and Barton, of Lady Margaret; thus at once bringing down the average weight of the crew by some 7lb. per man. On paper these changes read very well; for both the heavy weights were promising men, and were capable of doing good work—at all events at a slow stroke. There is one, however, to have been doubt whether they would perform equally well when asked hereafter to row a racing stroke. But, however, these heavy weights were so respectable, and yet better men could be found, to fill their places, it might be supposed that the crew, which originally promised well, could be now going even better than ever. Yet we doubt if such is the case. It may be better adapted, as now composed, for a racing stroke; but it is not so even as when Davis was at stroke and when the heavy weights were behind him.

The crew have improved in one important point—feather. They do this more cleanly than when in the gig boat, though still, except No 6, not a man feathers really clean. The time on stroke side is fair, and on bow side erratic; but there is plenty of time to shake together before the race, and good all round style is at this date of training more important than uniformity. The latter may come at the last, but bad style once picked up has to be unlearnt before good style can be inculcated. The crew have not the same strength that they had at the beginning of term, and there is no longer the same powerful material to work upon. The earlier crew, if it could have been retained and moulded, had all the making of a first class lot. If it has been found that there was not time to hammer it into shape, then the later changes are no doubt for the better; but of the present material we can say that, win or lose, it has not the making of a really first-class crew. The men now rowing are :—

	st.	lb.
Bow. Ll. R. Jones, Jesus	11	3
2. H. Sandford, Lady Margaret	11	3
3. W. Barton, Lady Margaret	11	5
4. W. M Warlow, Queens'	12	0
5. C. N. Arroyster, Jesus	12	10
6. R. D. Davis, First Trinity	12	12
7. R. D. Prior, Queens'	12	0
Stroke, W. W. Bailies, Jesus	11	3
Cox. R. S. Clarke, Lady Margaret		7

The Oxford boat goes fairly, though like Cambridge, we cannot say that we think it will ever be first class. There is length, life, and a clean feather; the oars are in fair time, but by no means perfect as yet in that respect. West sits a steady stroke and if he had a really first-class No. 7 behind him the crew would be pretty safe to win considering how second-class Cambridge have at last turned out. As it is, he is hardly backed up in that place, Warton's failing is want of size for which he can scarcely be blamed; as regards life in recovery he is not at all amiss. The sliding is good—perhaps hardly equal to that of Cambridge, but there is not much to choose between the two crews in this respect. The recovery, taken as a whole though not so lively as when Marriott used to set the stroke, is fairly good, and is better than that shown by Cambridge. In strength and weight Oxford now have the advantage.

The Oxford crew at present are made up thus :—

	st.	lb.
Bow, R H Poole, Brasenose	10	11
2 D E Brown, Hertford	12	4
3 S F M Hargreaves, Keble	12	3
4 H B Southwell, Pembroke	12	11
5 R S Kindersley, Exeter	12	11
6 G D Rowe, University	12	4
7 J H T Wharton, Magdalen	11	10
Stroke, I. B. West, Christ Church	11	5
Cox, C W Hunt, Corpus	7	4

Both crews are rowing, and will probably row the race, in boats by Swaddell and Winship. Oxford will go for a few days to Taplow Court (Mr Grenfell's) at the beginning of March, and Cambridge will, as last year, have some practice on the Kingston water before going to Putney.

SIR GARNET WOLSELEY AND DR. RUSSELL.

SIR GARNET WOLSELEY'S "report in answer to the inquires as to the conduct of the troops in South Africa" was issued on the day this mail left as a parliamentary paper. Writing on January 16, Sir Garnet Wolseley says :—"I have now the honour to forward reports from the landdrosts of all the towns and districts in the Transvaal where her Majesty's troops were quartered between July 1 and October 10. I directed the landdrosts to confine their reports to the period comprised within those dates, because as the letter of the special correspondent, *Daily Telegraph*, bears date Pretoria, October 10, anything occurring after that date can have no relation to his accusat ons against the troops, and because it was not until considerably later than the 1st of July that any troops from Zululand were moved into the Transvaal." Sir Garnet Wolseley then proceeds to deal in detail with the allegations of Dr. Russell, and sums up the conclusions, at which he has arrived, as follows :—

Having now dealt with the specific allegations as to the conduct of the troops, and shown that they contain "gross exaggerations and transparent untruths," as stated in my telegram of 3rd inst. to the Adjutant-General, it is perhaps scarcely necessary for me to take any notice of the accusation against the military authorities of "threating in no easy way" serious evils which are proved by the official records never to have existed. But the letter of the special correspondent points more especially to Heidelberg as a scene of gross disorder and crime, and says : "If the commandants at the various stations would only adopt well known means of coercion and prevention, there would be far less military crime than there is at present." I therefore quote, as the best denial of this wholesale charge, the voluntary statement of the landdrost of Heidelberg, in which the large number of men stationed here at several times, the conduct of the troops has been very good, and I have to thank the several commanding officers here during the time mentioned for said testimonies given by them at all times whenever required." Her Majesty's soldiers in the Transvaal are neither other nor worse than their comrades in other quarters of the globe. Freshly released from a long campaign in savage country, where for many months no drop of liquor, other than the rare ration of rum served out on occasions of special fatigue had ever passed their lips, some of them were doubtless tempted to drink more than was good for them. It is to me matter of satisfaction that so little crime has arisen from the great temptation. The enclosed official reports of the landdrosts bear the best testimony to the behaviour of the troops, and I trust that at least the same publicity may be given to the despatch that has been given to the article in the *Daily Telegraph*. The great mass of falsehood has been copied into many newspapers, British and Colonial, and has been made political capital of by the enemies of the English Government in this country. At the time when it purports to have been written the special correspondent of the *Daily Telegraph* was the guest of his Excellency the Administrator of the Transvaal. The officials of the Transvaal Government were always told them, the prisoner would be guilty of the crime of murder. But if they thought that her death was occasioned by the use of alcoholic spirits, and that they were administered to her by the prisoner, that they were calculated to endanger her life and accelerate death, but that in administering them she had not the object of killing her but that it was done from gross, culpable, reckless, criminal negligence of the prisoner without intention to kill, it would be manslaughter. If [said his lordship] you find neither of those issues, it will be your duty to acquit him. There is an alternative question which you have to consider, but which, after all, resolves itself into the questions I have asked. Was it the prisoner's duty to take care of the deceased? Did he take charge of her in the same way that a man under similar circumstances takes charge of his wife. If so, was he not bound to supply her with the necessaries of life; and if she was in an enfeebled condition, so as to be unable to procure such things for herself, was not he bound to see that she obtained them? Being in such an enfeebled condition of mind and body that she would be likely to do acts which in a state of health she would not have done, was he not bound to protect her against acts which in a sound condition of mind she would have been able to protect herself against? If he did not so protect, but, with the intention of bringing about her death, allowed her to commit acts which would produce death, that would be murder; if he simply allowed such acts recklessly and negligently, without intending her death, that would be manslaughter. It is for you to say by your verdict if you consider the prisoner guilty, to say of which of these offences you consider the prisoner guilty—of the one crime or the other.

The Foreman asked whether, in law, the prisoner having obtained the deed of gift, he could not at once have got possession of the property, and consequently would have no motive to kill her.

The Judge said he would rather not enter into that point. If he will he would have taken no property till after her death, and if the policy of insurance had been effected, that amount for which the insurance was effected would not have been receivable till after her death.

The jury then retired at twenty two minutes to five o'clock to consider their verdict, returning into court at ten minutes to six.

The prisoner, who had been out of court during the deliberation of the jury, on being again placed at the bar, had an extremely anxious and perturbed look.

The jury found the prisoner "Not guilty of murder," but "Guilty of manslaughter."

The Clerk : Prisoner at the bar, you stand convicted of felony; have you anything to say why the Court should not give you judgment?

The prisoner made a long statement to the Court as to his life with Miss Maclean, and assured the Court that he was wholly innocent of any unkindness to her. The Court, he said, saw he was perfectly calm, and that was occasioned by his knowledge that he was absolutely innocent of what had been imputed to him. He went on to narrate how he had renewed his acquaintance with the deceased, and how by her request he went to the chambers of Dr. Maclean, in Barnard's-inn. The brother of the deceased left them alone for some time, and Miss Maclean then stated that she was *enciente*, and implored him to get her out of her terrible difficulty. He said he told her he should never take any such course. Subsequently he asked her to dinner with his wife, and at her request he went out and procured her some spirits. He then went on to tell the Court how by her request he went to the chambers of Dr. Maclean, in Barnard's-inn. The brother of the deceased left them alone for some time, and Miss Maclean then stated that she was *enciente*, and implored him to get her out of her terrible difficulty. He said he told her she